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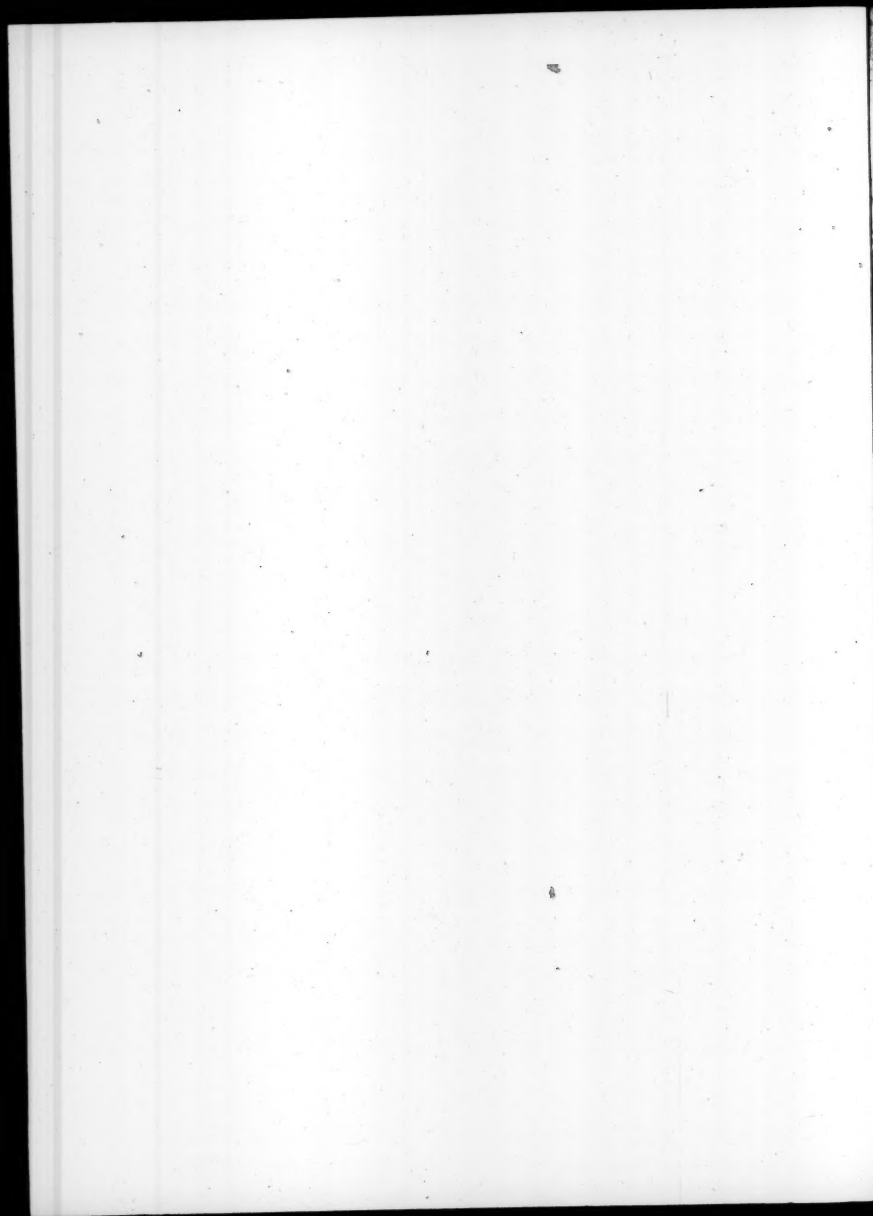
Together with the strange fortunes and
heroycall deedes performed by his three
Sonnes, and the worthy president of
Loue in his faire daughter
F L E R M I A.

Right pleasant for the aged to drue away Melan-
choly thoughts, and profitable for the young
to behold the often variacions
of the fickle World.

Written by W. C.



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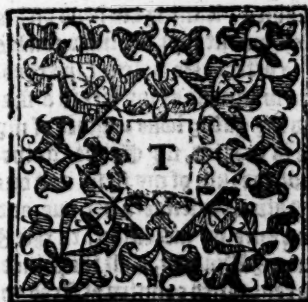
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Famous and Renowned Historie of *Fragosa*,
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CHAP. I.

How *Fragosa* King of Aragon fell sicke, and of his Will
and bequests to his three sonnes, *Donuallo*, *Dorosa*,
and *Pleudippo*, and to his louely daughter *Flermia*.



Here reigned sometimes
in the renowned Coun-
try of Aragon a King cal-
led *Fragosa*, who for the
exquisite qualities wher-
with the Graces had en-
dowed his excellencie, was
rightly reputed the onely
mirrour of that Age. Cour-
teous he was, with that
gentle *Troiane*, desiring
to be such a King to others, as he would wish were him-
selfe a subject: a mercifull *Lycurgus*, pardoning offences
acted against his person, yet an austere *Cato*, in cor-
recting vices. A warlike *Scipio*, daunting the courage of
his enemies, and a politicke *Nestor*, by long experience
and knowledge of ciuill gouernement: yea, and to make
him a perfect pattern of all perfections, Nature had ador-
ned him with such an *Augustus-like* *Paenetic* in his
countenance, as inwardly pierced the exterior eyes of all
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of worth, surpassing that of Vlisses, when he was cast out of the bosome of Neptune, into the dominion of Alcinous: or equall with that of the most martiall Morus, terrifying the proudest Cymbrian that durst enterprise any trecherie against the worthinesse of his person: yea, and to conclude, such was the fame of his valour, the report of his granity, his honourable port of his Parities, his courtesie towards his subjects, & bounty towards his friends, that it is doubtfull whether he was moze feared for his balliance, loued for his kindnesse and liberality, or honoured of all for his due administration of Justice & Equity.

But as Time setteth a periode of all things, so the gride messenger, summoning this Aragonian Hector, he was by long sickness brought to that port where he did but only attend his passage to the Clifan Temple. Therefore calling his children, who being come before his eyes, in the presence of diuers of his Nobles, leaning his head on his hand, and breathing out a vehement sigh, looking vpon his eldest Sonne, he began to utter these dolefull speeches. Woe Sonne, thou seest the wannesse of my face is a shadow of my insuing end, and my gaily looke a figure of my instant woes. My Grasse is wasted, my Grapes gathered, I haue nothing left but the skin of my flesh, and one onely blast of all my life: Nature chalengeth her due, and to thee must I leane my Crowne by succession, to thee I say, Donuall, must I leane my Diadem, & all the princely reuenues of this thrice renowned country of Aragon. Thou being the eldest, and therefore most worthy by birth, having from thy youth bene trayned by in Vertue, and so much the fitter to governe: if thou thinke my Sonne, to enjoy thy Fathers possessions, let his former vertues be a Spurre for thy actions: if thou haue his Crowne and dignity, doe not by cruelty obscure his kindnesse and piety. Exercise authority in the behalfe of others, but be willing to pardo things perfozmed against thy person. Contemne not thy inferiours, neither be thou proud of thy high estate,



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for I tell thee my son, the lofty Pine is overthronen with the tempest, when the lowe Shrub is safe in the valley: the greatest seas are tost with the blasts of Eurus, when the small riuers regard not his rage, and great Kings are by Enuy oft cast out of their Countreies, when the mean subjects line secure in their patrimonies.

Behold my Sonne, the mappe of my yeares is portraied on my wrinckled lineaments, and in the number of my dayes is registred the willespancks of neuer constant fortune. Harken then Donvallo, vnto him that is in the winter of his life, lest thou in king shipwacke of thy youth, drownest in the seas of aduersity in time of thy stoupy age. Be carefull for the remembrance of thy person, and preservation of thy subjects: Be courteous toward them, but not too familiar, nimium familiaritatis contemptū parit: be merry but not inmodest: be chary of thy speech, but not tongue-tied: heare much, but speake little: be valiant in armes, but not desperate in actions: extreme is rashnesse, omne nimium vertitur in vitium: follow the counsell and grane aduise of thy Elders, especially these here present, which haue bin to thy father followers in prosperity, faithfull in aduersity, and in both dutifull and louing subjects: be not so suspitious to mistrust them without cause, nor so light to credit others without proofe: first try, and then trust, let time be thy touchstone, and first haue good experience or thou make choyse: regard not euery one that beareth a friendly countenance, for I tell thee my Sonne, the smoothest streame hath his whirlepoole, the softer Crab hath the shew of an apple as well as a ripe pippin, and in a friendly countenance is oft times lodged a melancholy conceit. there is as wel a Damocles to betray, as a Dā to trust: as well a flattering Aristippus, as a faithfull Lelius, & as wel a subtil Synon to deceive, as a constant Pilades to conserve. And to conclude my exhortation, here once againe I say, my Sonne, direct thy steps as Vertue commandeth thee: be carefull for the commodity of thy Kingdome, and
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Use all diligence for the preservation of the subjects, so that thou not onely winne the hearts of these present, and of all other thy Nobles, and Commonalty, but through their dutifull assistance and knowledge, shalt rule in quiet, without feare of thine enemies, governe without hatred of thine owne people, yea and the same of thy vertues shalt stretch out it selfe vnto the uttermost bounds of all the earth, otherwise I tell thee my Sonne, as the sweetest wine turneth into the sharpest vinegar, and as that is a deepe Sea wherein is found no bottome, so if thou continue the aduise and counsell of thy Nobles, thy overthrow will sodainly follow, they are miraculous friends, if they become not thine enemies, and friendly amity connected into fiendly enuie, of all hatred proueth the greatest, which by ciuill discorde being once fired, with the stone Abscession will neuer be cooled.

To thy two byethzen Donuallo, to Dorota the eldest of the twoaine, I giue the Dukedome of Lozingo, with all the pallaces, edifices, and stately buildings, together with all the reuenues, profits and commodities thereunto belonging, to governe as a Prince in his owne territories, without the contradiction or controulement of any. And thou Donuallo, see that thou make not any inuasions into any of his possessions, franchises, or liberties but see that by thy helpe he be peaceably and quietly inuaded in the same: be vnto him a sure refuge in all his aduersity, and if at any time fortune leadeth her cloudy brow, shadow him as Gallina doth her Chickins, under thy Eagles wings. And during the time of his minority or non-age, I will that he remaine in the custody of the Earle Plauro, he to haue the care of his education, and also to be principall Collectour of all commodities arising of the foresaid Dukedome: and also I will that thou cause to be paid vnto him out of the treasures and Coffers of Aragon forty thousand Ducquets, to the use of thy said brother, within two moneths after my decease.

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To thy yonggest brother Plendippo, I giue the Castle and towne of Dorto: and also I will that there be payde vnto him out of the treasure of Aragon, full fifty thousand Crownes: his bringing by I referre to the Marquesse of Rino here present, he to improcue both his Landes and Treasure to the best vse, vntill hee shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares.

To thy Sister Flermia, I will that thou pay or cause to be paid forty thousand pounds, and that immediately after my decease shee be conuayed to her Aunte, the Duane of Poland, there to be trayned vp, according to the dignitie of her birth: and when she shall attaine to riper age prouide her of a Husband worthy her estate & calling. Here pausing a while, and sending forth vapors of sighes, he gaue a Commas to his speeches. Then Donvallo standing as one whome griefe had made silent, with a pale looke, and streaming downe teares, at length replied in this manner.

Wreat Soueraigne, and my most deere and louing Father, my loue toward my Brethren and Sister, is and shall be such, as my outward dealing shall be a sufficient testimony of my inward meaning. I will not only giue them that which you my languishing Father doe command, but I will exalt them so farre as the loue of a Brother, and the Kingdome of Aragon may by any meanes extend. They shall in no wise be esteemed as Subjects, or Inferiours, but as my equall and fellow Princes: if any cold streames of Fortune ingrydele them, I will not onely loue them as a Brother, but be careful for them as a Father: theyr cause shall be my cause, theyr prosperitie my comfort, and theyr aduersity as bitter as the last date of my dayes: Pica, I will liue with them in such a sympathie of brotherly affection, as the ouer-daring hatred of any shall not presume to offer the least prick of iniury to any of them. With this, making a sudden Apostropha, and casting by his eyes to Heaurn, he vttered these speeches. Most mightie, and powerfull loue which knowest the inward intent, and understandest the

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most secret and silent thought : Let these my wordes be registred in the consistory of the Synes : if I sayle in any of these my promises and protestations, to this my Ancient and Reuerent Father, whose white hairens are true Heraulds of great Experience, and whose vertues are recognized as Caracteres of his Excellencie : Kne vppon my head shewes of misery, and let me be drencht in the deepest seas of distresse : Let me endure a Hydra of woes, a Chaos of vexations, yea and to conclude, the extreame of all extreame sorrows.

When Donvallo had ended this his serious and solemn Protestation, Fragosá, againe raising himselfe in his bed, and hauing taken the oath of his sonne, for the performance of his will, and likewise of the Marquesse and Carle for the education of his Donnes, thinking to haue made a further exhortation, but such was the extremity of his passions, as clasping his hands together, and lifting vp his eyes, he committed his soule vnto the Heauens, his face grew pale, his breath short, & his faultring tongue failing him: thus with a small gaspe, hee payed his last debt vnto neuer-satisfied Death.

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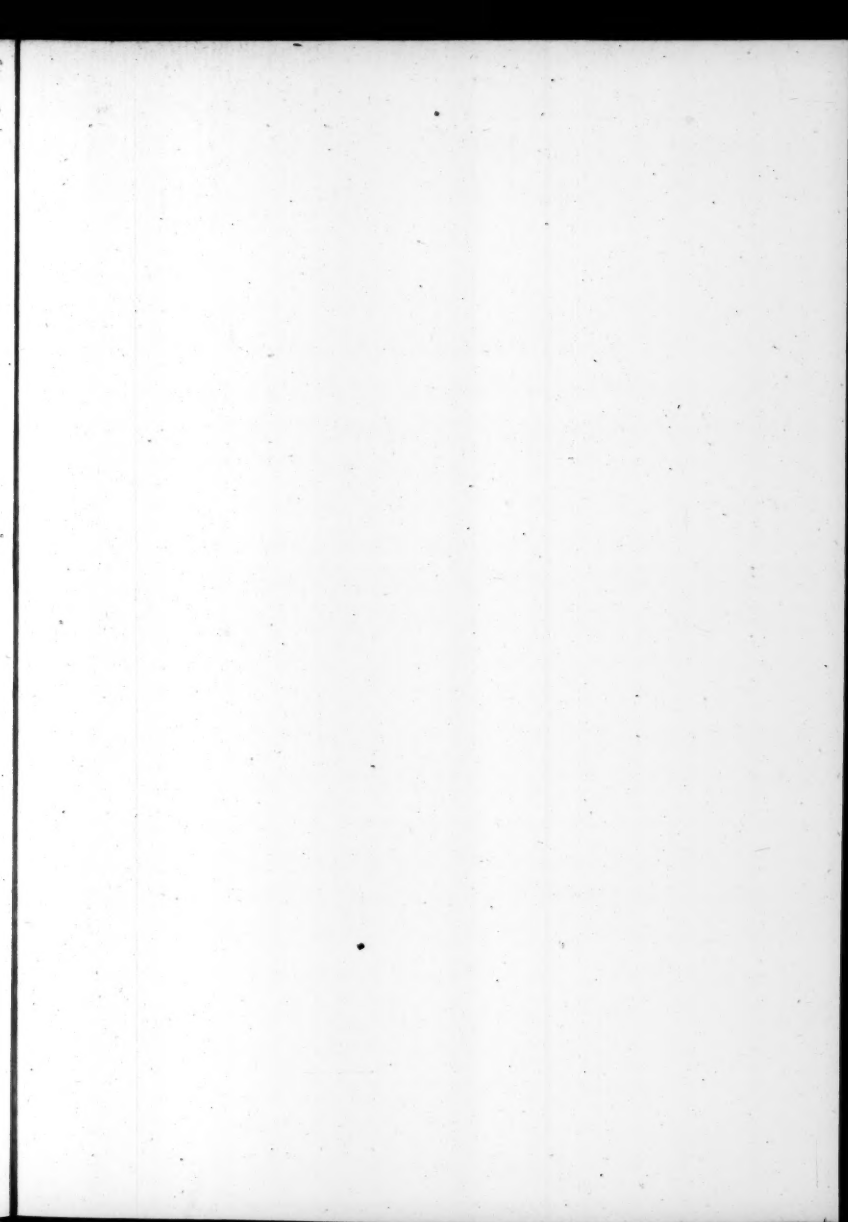
¶ How a day was appointed for the Coronation of King Donvallo, how the two other Brothers were carried by their Gardions to theyr houses : Of Donvalloes ill life, and of hatred betweene Pallacia Concubine of Donvalloes and Dorosá.

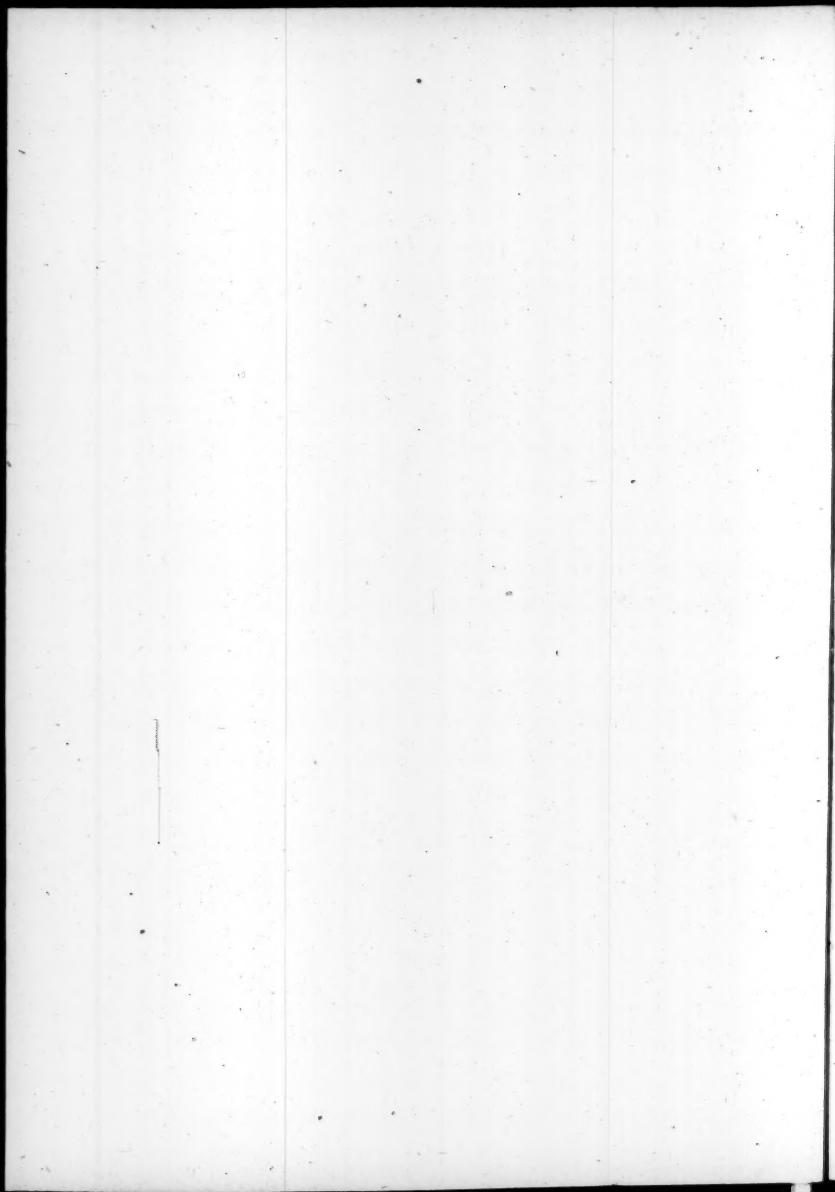


His departure as it was gréuous vnto his Nobles, so it caused no small discontent in the hearts of all his Commons and interior Subjects, so that such mournings and lamentations, before that time, was neuer seene in all the Countrey of Arragon.

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the price of his folly at so high a rate, as shall cost him his life, yea though hee bee the second in all the Kingdome of Aragon: with this againe embracing her in his armes, he stowed on her many deuout kisses. Fallacia seeing the prologue of her wished Tragedie lost to such effect; purposing not to let the ball fall to the ground, prosecuted her intent in this wise: Dread Soueraigne, and most renowned King, whose loue I esteeme above all earthly treasure, yea, and much more then mine owne life, no man hath any wayes offered violence vnto any person, neither is the least touch of iniurie proffered vnto thy dutifull and obedient handmaide Fallacia, much lesse can the desire of any strange inuentions, heapes of treasure, or houses filled with all manner of riches, procure such vnconth passions in the hart of thy beloued Fallacia. Fallacia knowes her selfe that shee enioyes not onely the fat and best good of all the Countrey of Aragon, but euen the most mightie Monarch himselfe: what then can rest to make Fallacia once to shew a mournefull countenance, but Donvallo? Oh my deare Donvallo (with this she offered him many of her alluring kisses) it is a mightie suspition which throbbereth in my heart, a present signe of a future calamitie, which driueth my spirits into these vnwonted sorowes: Oh, Donvallo, seest thou not the stubborne shew of thy brother Doros, and his vndutifull behauiour toward your Person, how, when your Maiestie, with your whole Trains of Nobles, were at the Earle Plautoes, he would not once come forth out of his Chamber to take his leaue of you, or any in your company? a notable Inder of his future obstinacie. Did you not also see in what estimation hee is with the Earle, and diuers of your Nobles, yet not this onely was the cause of my griepe, but a most fearefull dreame which I had this last night, wherein me thought I saw all the Nobles, together with thy two brethren, in armes against thy Person, to deprive thee of the Soueraigntie of thy Kingdome. From whence, I say, issued my griepe, and the seaze whiche I
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had to bewray the same, bereaued me of my wonted senses for a time, which, should they at any time come to passe, Fallacia should but euen remain a Sacrifice to offer up her selfe at the shrine of her beloued: For in liuing, I should but leade a life in a circle of sorowes, and made in a Labyrinth of distresse, making the Woods witnesses of my woes, and the flintie Stones recorders of my plaintes. Wherefore I say Donvallo, seeke to prevent the effect, by cutting away the cause: Bow the twig while it is young, least waxing to a tree, it sooner burst then bow: strike while the Iron is hote, least being colde, it will receiue no other impression: Use him to the hysle in his youth, least when hee cometh to greater estate, no reynes be able to containe him.

Scarcely had Fallacia unburthened herselfe of all her conceyued Menome, Donvallo regarding the circumstance of her wordes, and not respecting the collusion of her wyles, allowing all her propositions for articles of his Crade, as a man led by some tempestuous Furie, he thundred out this dismall Oracle: Proud Boy (quoth he) hath an alpyzing thought already taken habitation in thy breast: Yea, I see it with mine Eyes, but seeing thy arrogancie so great, and thy pride of nature to be such, I protest, or the flocks of Ty-can haue fenne times mounted by the Luant, I will haue thee taught such a bloody Letanie, as thou shalt write thy lines legend among the dead.

The King hauing thus powred out his balefull Sentence, Fallacia hauing thoroughly satisfied her selfe with hope of his death, and hauing ended the2 brisawfull dallyance, they tooke they2 leaue each of other for a time.

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CHAP. III.

How *Donvallo* plotted by two of his Guard, *Bernaculus* and *Brandello*, to slay his brother *Dorosa*; and how *Donvallo* caused the Earle *Plautus* head to bee smitten off, and afterward sent for his youngest brother *Plendippo* from the Marquesse of *Rino*, and how *Plendippo* was faine to flie to saue his life.



Now no sooner had the night exchanged his sable mantle, and put on his morning vesture, but *Donvallo* boyling in the heat of his new conceived suspicion, having already plotted the destruction of *Dorosa*, hee prosecuted his determination in this wise. *Dorosa* went to Schoole, about a furlong from the Earle *Plautus* house, with one that instructed him diligently in the knowledge of tongues: thither did hee make his walks every morning, accompanied but onely with one man and a Page: which the King vnderstanding, calling for two of his Guard, fellows to whom he thought he might most safely commit the charge of this massacre. These with faire promises of great preferment, hee easily allured to goe murther his brother as hee trauesst his Schoole-walkes, setting befoze their eyes preferment or death, which they might freely chuse. These companions were easily intreated to act this Tragedie. and having their mandatum, they presently hoised themselves, and hasted toward the place, where they were no sooner come, but immediately they espied *Dorosa* going from his Tutors, none with him but his Page, having sent his man away about some other businesse. They seeing *Fortune* lent them such a fauourable an aspect, to perfozme this homicide, posted vnto him, and with all reuerence did their

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their obedience, and with most sweet speeches saluted him, then to the intent they might draw him out of the common path, after a forged manner they certified him, That his Brother the King was in good health, and very desirous to see him: and further, that he was hunting in the Forrest within two miles, and how if it pleased him, they would attend him thither. The Prince nothing suspecting this treason, willingly consented to beare them company; but no sooner were they out of the common way, but one of them with a short glaive, toke the Page suddenly and soundly on the head, that he clove him downe to the shoulders. Dorosa seeing this murther, nothing daunted with feare, with a bold resolution, Villaine (quoth he) why hast thou committed this mischief vpon my harmlesse Page: scarce had he offered these speeches, but this cursed cut-throat, thus rigorously replied, Proud Boy, it is now no time to answer thy damanud, but prepare thy selfe to beare him company to the infernall Page, and making toward him to haue giuen him a sip of the same sauce: but the other being of a milder qualitie, and as it were stirred by some diuine motion, leaped betwene them with his Rapier drawne, and offered these speeches, I tell thee Bernaculus, soz so was this Russian called, we may with better conscience saue this Ladde, and yet obtaine our desire at the Kings hands. Ponder at the Parzen is a Shippe of Panimes, euen now in a readinesse to set sayle, to them will wee sell Dorosa, and so shall wee not be guiltie of the murther, and yet receiue a double reward. So this was Bernaculus easily induced, rather to receiue money soz his body, then soz any remozse of his wicked conscience. With this Brandillo, soz so was the other of these two called, toke Dorosa by the hand, and briefly shewed him how that it was the King his Brothers commaundement that they should murther him, which notwithstanding, they were content to giue him life, and to let him liue among those Mozes and Panimes, so that he would

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would solemnely promise them neuer to make himselfe knowne vnto any, which if he did, they were sure to helpe to pacifie his brothers fury with the losse of their liues. And yet this would not so appease his rage, but the furie thereof would stretch it selfe vnto the bittermost boundes of the earth, in quest of him, to bereaue his life. Dorosa seeing it was no boote for him to be scoward quickly condescended to this request, ratifying the same with an oath, neuer to discouer their dealing, by this time were they come to the Shippe, where proffering their chaffer. The Spaniards seeing how goodly a Ladde the same was, quickly stricke hands vpon a bargaine, and gaue them thirtie Duc-kets for his value. The Spaniards being thus in a readi-nesse, with a pleasant gale cut their furrowes in the Ocean, with such expedition, that in short time they were farre enough from all the parts of Aragon, where we will leaue Dorosa with these Infidels, and returne againe to Don-uallo, and his complices. These things dispatched, Bernaculus and his companion hastned againe to the King, whom they certified how they had sealed Dorosa a quittance of his life: the King receiued no small content with this newes, who immediately made the same knowne to Fallacia; shee on the other side, now thought her selfe sufficiently reuenged, that for one coy looke had wrought the end of his life. Donuallo very liberally rewarded his ministers of mischief, yet more with promises then payments, although both were great, yea and much the greater in that hee pretended, to vse them againe in the like damnable actions. Soons was Dorosa missing at the Earle Plautoes, who being full of griefe, sent searchers throughout all the Countrey of Aragon: the Page was found slayne, which made them haue small hope of his Masters life. These newes were quickly blowne vnto the Court, which made the King shew a counterfeite kinde of lamentation, and to make the same some the greater, hee fell in rage against the Earle, and immediately commaunded

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him to bee proclaimed Traytor, and that by his negligence, or rather by his consent his brother Dorosa was most villainously, and traiterously made away. And to ease the Earle of these late sorowes, hee caused his head to be smitten off from his shoulders. This was no sorrow done, but immediately hee caused all his brothers Dukedome, and the Earles possessions to bee sealed into his owne hands. And now hauing rid himselfe of the one Brother, he thought euery minnte a day, and euery day a yeare, vntill hee had sealed his younger Brother a passport to beare the other company: but the Marquesse of Rino seeing what befell vnto the Earle, by the losse of Dorosa, kept him so straightly in the Castle, as hee suffered him not to passe any further then into the Garden adioyning vnto his Chamber, and then alwaies attended on by tenne tall fellows at the least: which Donvallo vnderstanding and perceiuing he could not compasse his intent as hee did the other, intended to play fast and loose after another manner. And resting in this determination: hee played the subtilt Raynard, as you shall presently heare: One day calling a Pursuant, hee sent in all haste for the Marquesse of Rino, who being come, the King sayning himselfe very sorowfull for the losse of Dorosa, briesly declared vnto the Marquesse in that hee had miscaried with the Earle, he meant to haue Pleudippo into his owne hands: therefore (quoth he) dispatch, and with all expedition let him bee brought, for the feare which I haue of him, causeth me that I shall neuer rest in quiet, vntill I haue him safe in mine owne custodie. The Marquesse was not much displeased with this commaund, by reason of the danger, which he knew was alwayes permanent ouer his head, if any intended treason should bee by any meanes effected, as the apparent example of the Earle manifestly declared. And although both his allegiance to the deceased King, and his loue toward the young Pleudippo, made him loath to commit this tender lambe to
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the *Woolfe* for his safeguare, as he feared the sequell would expresse: yet notwithstanding all this, without delay he performed his precept, and sent *Pleudippo* to the Court, whom the King, as one whom naturall wit had taught a polittique kinde of dissimulation, hiding fire in the ashes, with all courtesie entertained, causing him alwaies to dine and sup at his owne Table, and very seldom, or neuer to depart out of his presence. This procured no small ioy in the hearts of all the Nobles, and especially in the *Marquesse* of *Rino*, who now began to condemne his peruerse opinion, and to blame himselfe in that he had suffered any such consente to enter into his deceived head. Thus continued the padder hidden in the straw, for the space of halfe a yere. But now *Donvallo* boyling agayne in the heate of his malicious madnesse, thought he lent *Pleudippo* ouer long a life: therefore sending for his former kill colwes, charged them, that the next day they should make away *Pleudippo*. And the better to act this irreligious Tragedie, by one meanes or other, to seduce him out of the Palace, and how they should be highly esteemed, and rewarded for their paynes, and for their faithfull seruice, he would grace them with the renowned Order of Knighthood: and when his sister *Flermia* came of age, he would frankly bestow her vpon one of them to wife: these faire words stirred by willing mindes in these gracelesse Champions, who esteemed no heauen but wealth, and reckoned euery great gift for some petty God, such a whetstone to courage, was the promise of preferment, to these base companions: now the next day being come, they attended with all diligence, to finde *Pleudippo* at aduantage. During the forenoon they found none; but after dinner so it fell out, as they espied *Pleudippo* alone in one of the gardens, belonging vnto the Palace; where approaching toward him, with enticing speeches, they allured him further abroad, yet not so closely, but by chance, a certaine Knight being in an Ar-

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bour, both heard and saw them: yet nothing suspected their wicked drift and treacherie, they once having him aboarde, drew him toward the Sea side, thinking to make sale of him, as they did of the other: but coming to the Haven, they found no Ship in readinesse, but they perceived one, belonging to the Seldane of Perquea, under sayle, not farre from the shoare, which they seeing, got into a certaine Boate, and like tall Partiners made after them: but such was the swiftnesse of the Barke, and the unskillfullnesse of these new Saylers, that the further they rowed, the more they were behinde. They seeing themselves in this, frustrate of their hope, purposed to have cast Pleudippo over-board, to bee drenched in the waues. Whiles they were yet in this determination, behold, there came a little Skiffe floating in the waues, which they seeing, and having haled the same unto them, altered their determination, and as they had made merchandise of the one to the Mozes, so they committed the other to the Seas violence; and having also taken his oath, that if fortune should permit his safetie, not to betray himselfe, they set him in the Skiffe, without either Sayle or Dore, or any succour to sustaine himselfe, where we will likewise leane him to the mercy of Eolus, and the sea gods, and returns with Bernaculus and Brandillo, to see how Donvallo exalts them for the execution of his tyrannie: no sooner were they come a shoare, but presently they were attached upon suspicion of murder, and by the Marquesse of Kino committed to safe custodie, for that Pleudippo was already wanting in the Court, and the Knight which saw them leade him away, had already made knowne the same. The King with a dissembling countenance of discontentment, bled many counterfeite kinds of sorrows, yet all this while being ignorant that his messengers were apprehended, which being once reported unto him, as one nipt on the head with feare, was driven into a great perplexitie for a time: but he whose wits neuer sayled in the
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like stratagem, not long resting in this Dilemma, yet continuing in his dissembled discontent, he sent for one of them by sundry of his Court, who being come into his presence, the Marquesse of Kino being present, immediately layd accusation against him, that hee was culpable in murdering, or villainously making away of the young and Noble Pleudippo, and this the knight which disclosed the same, offered to make him confesse by combats, so pleased it the King they might be admitted the same. But the King hauing already plotted his deuil, fearing to commit his affaires to any such equalitie of Justice, drew out easily from under his gowne a short Dagger, wherewith he so well rewarded him for his seruice, as he could neuer after shew himselfe discontent, cleaning his head in such sort, as his braynes dashed against the pavement: this fatall blow being deliuered, he vttered these speeches, I will be combitant with all such villaynes as shall performe any such treachery within any of my Dominions, This done, he commaunded his cozps to be voyded from his presence. And causing the other to be brought before him, who nothing knowing how his fellow was rewarded, he sent likewise to beare him compyny to the infernall Ghosts. This passed, the King fell againe to his lamentations: but behold, in the night when he was at rest, there appeared vnto him in a dreame his brother Dorosa, hauing in his hand a Sword, and on his head a rich Crowne: and bending his browes, as though anger had there plowed the furrowes of his wrath, he vttered these speeches. Oh Donvallo, are thy selemne protestations thou madest to thy deceased father sorted to this effect? know, most tyrannous King, thou that viper-like eatest vp the glory of thine owne kindred, heaping sinne vpon sinne by thy murderous intents, thou more cruell then Nero, more tyrannous then Phalaris, more vnnaturall then Althea, and lesse pitifull then Agave, well may I thinke thee neuer to be the Sonne of that late renowned *Fragosa*, but

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but *Doris genuit cautibus horrens, Caucasus Hircanæq;*
admovent vbera tigres: But thinke *Donvallo*, though thy
deafe resolution will not (till too late) beleue thy misfo-
tune, that the very heauens haue conspired thy confusion,
and the time shall come when no ransome shall redeme
thy life, but the same hand which murdered other, shall
be turned against thy selfe: these speeches finished, hee
suddenly vanished away, leauing *Donvallo* terribly terri-
fied with the accusation of his owne conscience; where
we will likewise leaue him for a while, for by this time is
Pleudippo dead for hunger, starued for colde, or arriued
on shoare.

CHAP. IIII.

How *Pleudippo* was driuen on shore on the coast of Bri-
taine, and what happened him there.



*P*leudippo was by the fauour of th^e
Destinies and friendship of Neptune,
with gentle blasse, driuen on land on
the coast of Britayne, after he had bene
floating on the waues almost thre
dayes, at length the youth feeling his
Boate sticke fast in the woele, waded
soorth to the firme land, and being very feeble for want of
foode, and stiffe, through the extreamenesse of the colde,
setting himselfe vnder a Treë, looking by toward hea-
uen, opening the sluces of his eyes, and bedewling his
cheekes with pearly teares, hee bzeathed out these com-
plaints: Dye *Pleudippo*, *Pleupippo* dye: yea, thou
hast no other cause, but to with for most swift and
spædie death; thou art by discent the Sonne of a King, but
now no better then the basest begger: the one thou had-
dest by birth, the other is assigned by destinie, thou art in
an vnknowne land, without foode, and vtterly boyde of
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friends. Ah Pleudippo, thy misfortunes are more then
 thy yeares: the flowers of thy youth are nipt through
 the frost of enuie, and all thy hoped for fruit must perish
 in the bud: thy good friend the Marquesse, carefully kept
 thee, and as one dreaming of thy future misery, watched
 thee more warily then the waking Dragons did the He-
 sperion citrons, seeking to prevent the cause, but thy un-
 naturall brother Donvallo, working the effect, hath de-
 livered thee to the inevitable & thicke iawes of untimely
 death. Ah Pleudippo, is this the hope thou haddest of
 so great courtesie, and so soone changed into extreame
 cruelty: Oh my deare brother Dorosa, well doe I see
 th at we haue both drunke of one cup, but may I escape
 to mans estate, I wil not let to seek thee, euén in the most
 secret and furthest bounds of all the earth, euén among
 the Turkes, Moors and Barbarians, for vnto some of
 them art thou solde as a prey, eyther to be a slave to those
 slaves, or else a sacrifice to their abominable and false
 Gods: And againe comforting himselfe, he uttered these
 speeches: yet Pleudippo, since thou art escaped his fury,
 giue a Comma to thy sorowes, hope that after a hard
 Winter will come a most pleasant Spring, and when
 the dayes of thy extreame woes are past, thou shalt re-
 gret the chearefull Aprill of thy Sommer ioyes, chere
 by thy selfe, and to thy travels, seek out some house or
 habitation, Olim hæc meminisse iuuabit, as fortune hath
 scourged thee with Nettles, so may shee salueth thee with
 Roses, all things haue a time, and the longest Winter
 haue an end. As Pleudippo was thus in the depth of
 his meditations, an old seruant belonging to Dorelio the
 king of Britaine, passed by that way, who seeing a Lad
 sit there in an vnfrequented place, with such sorowfull
 countenance, painting out his distresse with the aboun-
 dance of his teares, comming toward him, finding him
 to be so goodly a youth, he was already partaker of his
 misery, and the good old fellow was moved with com-

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passion, Pleudippo seeing him come, as one between fear
 and hope, with the teares standing in his eyes, rose vp
 and salutes him with such a courteous kinde of behavi-
 our, as moued no little pittie in this old attendant, who
 straight supposed by his outward behaviour, the Child
 should be of some worthy parentage: but when they
 spake, well might they make signes, but neither of them
 vnderstood the other. Then Pleudippo plucking vp his
 spirit of boldnesse, tooke him by the hand, and shewed him
 the Boat, deciphering by signes he to he was diuinen thi-
 ther of the waters, which Fidus (for so was this old fel-
 low named) seeing, presently imagined that he must needs
 be oppressed with hungers extremity, tooke the Lad, and
 set him vpon his horse, and rode himselfe behind to stay
 him, because he was very stiffe and fable. Thus posted
 they towards the next towne, and having taken vp theyr
 Anne, olde Fidus called for such Catres as the place could
 afford. Pleudippo heretofore was somewhat cheared, who
 fed with such an hungry appetite, as it famed vnto him a
 most rich and costly banquet, euer shewing signes of
 gratefulnesse to the old Fidus. Thus stayed they some
 two dayes, refreshing themselves in their common Inn.
 At length Fidus seeing Pleudippo recouer his strength,
 prepared himselfe for theyr iourney, calling on their Ho-
 stesse to know the reckoning, that they might satisfie
 and depart. During the time of their abode there, the
 Hostesse (who had now neuer a sennel left of her owne)
 had taken such a speciall liking of Pleudippo, as she desi-
 red no other payment for their pzanant, then the lad whom
 she promised to loue and nourish, during her life in stead
 of her owne onely Sonne, which lately before was by
 Death arrested. But old Fidus who thought the Kings
 Court a moze fitter place for so sweet a youth, then a bar-
 barous and common Anne, would by no means consent:
 which the Hostesse seeing, fetched forth a cloake, and a
 pretty Rapier, which lately belonged to her deceased
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Sonne, and gaue them to Pleudippo, in that the saw he was but slenderly armed against the cold. These things being done, old Fidus and Pleudippo betooke themselves to their journey toward the City of Troynouant, where the king then kept his Court. Now during the time of their abode, in the foresaid Towne, there remayned there a certaine knight, belonging to the Duke of Gaule, this knight was very desirous to haue had Pleudippo for his Page, which because Fidus would not grant, so soon as they were gone out of the towne, hee commaunded three of his men to follow after, and take him from him by force. Thus galloped they after them amaine, and before they had passed full two miles, they had wel-nigh ouertaken them: then one of them calling vnto Fidus with a loud voyce, Discourteous villaine (quoth he) better had it bene for thee to haue graunted our Masters request, for now too late shalt thou repent thy deniall, and that which thou refused to giue by courtesie, thou shalt not onely be compelled to yeld by constraint, but also lose thine owne life for thy folly. Fidus although he were something withered with yeares, yet being bould and hardie, alighted from his horse, and drew his weapon, by this time were the other three all off their horses making toward him, with naked swords brandishing in their hands. Pleudippo seeing his friend in such distresse (yet ignorant of the cause, in that hee did not vnderstand their speech) leaped off his horse, and drew his Rapier, thinking either to yeeld speedy succour vnto his friend, or else to leane his life, as a trophis of his intent (which he being not aboue eleauen yeares of age, did little esteeme, in that fortune had bene to him so contrarie.) In this determination, he droue at one of them with all his might, which the other seeing, supposed to haue beat by his thrust, but it was so desperately set, as he failed thereof, and Pleudippo pierced him quite through the body, in such sort, as he presently fell dead to the earth. Old Fidus seeing this

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unlooked for succor, tennning his courage, he setcht about such a swash blow, as he had made the crown of another of them like a new shauen fryer, but that by chaunce the stroke lighted somewhat lower, and in stead of his hayze, he cut off so much of his head, as the very bjains fel about his shoulders. The other seeing this, thought if he tarried any longer, they would cancell his crown like a new discharged obligation, thus timor addidit ales, being plumed with the feathers of feare, he turned his backe fled sweating to himselfe, that if one payze of legs were not worth two payze of hands, he were like to go short home. Fidus seeing the coast thus cleare, tooke the two hoxles of them that were slaine, and set Pleudippo vpon one of them, and himselfe vpon another (leaning his owne in that he was soze wearied with trauell) and with all speed galloped away, making such hast, that within thre dayes they were safely arrived at Troynouant, where the king then lay: who walking with sundry of his Nobles vpon one of his galleries, he espied old Fidus, whom befoze he had sent about some speciall businesse into the west parte of his Realme. And seeing so goodly a youth with him, commaunded him presently to come befoze him: Fidus being come befoze his Highnesse, and hauing according to the custome of the Country vpon his knees done his obedience, the king forthwith fell to questioning where he had that beautifull and well adozned youth, in mine eye (quoth he) the onely patterne of Natures perfections; his very looks deciphering him to haue the true Characters of magnanimity stamped in his bzeast, whereat olde Fidus recounted vnto him in particular from point point, where he found him, in what manner, and al other accidents, which befell him in his trauell, not forgetting with what courage he assisted him in that perillous combats, and euery way reputing him for the most courteous hardy, beautifull, and best accomplished Ladde that euer eye beheld. The king taking great delight to heare these

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these discourses, commaunding *Fidus* to bring him to his person: no sooner was *Pleudippo* come into the kinges presence, but he humbled himselfe with such a Courtly grace, as much admired the king and all his Nobles, to see such Princely behaviour in so young a youth, euerie one iudging him to be of high descent. *Pleudippo* view- ing the stately buildings, costly galleries, and gallant troupe of Nobles, calling to mind the decease of his roy- all Father, the estate from whence he was saln, the mag- nificence of that Court, and the cruelty of his brother: these braue him into such a dumpe, as the teares began a sceth to fall from his chrystall eyes, which procured such pittie in the kinges heart, as he rose vp from his seate, and embraced him tenderly in his armes, and calling for the Tutors of his owne sonne, the Prince *Andronico*, who was a goodly youth, and much of the yeares of *Pleudip- po*, commaunding them that they should haue equal care ouer him, as ouer his owne, and that he should be diligēt- ly instructed in their language: for (quoth he) his very looke approueth great worthines in him in time to come. But here will we leaue *Pleudippo* with his Gouernors to discourse of *Dorosa* and his fortunes.

CHAP. V.

How *Dorosa* sayling on the sea, was taken prisoner by the Hungarians among the Mores, &c what followed.



The *Spaniards* had not sayled full forty leagues from *Aragon*, but by chauce they fel into the lapse of 3. Ships pertai- ning to the king of *Magaria*, betwixt whom began a most dangerous and fearful skirmish, yet in the end, y^e *Span*

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garians boarded the Booz, and in despite of their resistance, entered the Shippe, enforcing them to yield. And having imprisoned all those adeozers of Mahomer, at length they found Dorosa, who lay fast bound in one of the Cabines, for feare he should haue any way offered violence vnto himselfe. The Hungarians hauing loosed his fetters, demanded from whence he was: Dorosa, loath to breake promise with his brothers messengers replied, he was a Gentlemans Sonne of Galicia, sent vnto Aragon by his friends, and his conductours robbing him of all his treasure, after made sale of his body to those barbarous Infidels. The Captaine pittying his estate, and seeing in his face sufficient tokens of ensuing honour, promised him that when he came in Hungaria, he would so further his cause, that he should become Page to some Nobleman about the Court. Dorosa thanked him with such a courteous and Courtly behanior, as it made the most barbarous in all the ship to attribute great commendations to this unknowne Lad. Thus hauing hoist their sailes with a merry gale, they cut their furrowes in the Ocean, shaping their course for Hungaria, where (the winde being fauourable) within short time they arriued, where they committed all those cursed miscreants vnto most fearefull and darksome dungeons, where we will also leaue them, rayling and exclaiming against their false Gods, in that they appertaine nothing to our Historicall discourse. These things dispatched, the Captaine with the Paistres, and diners of the chiefe of the companie, walked by into the Colone, and with them was the unknowne Dorosa: as they were thus trauesing by and downe for their delight, to recreate themselves after their home voyage, by chance there met them the Countie of Lorraine. This Captaine was well respected of the Countie, in that he had bene sometime one of the Gentlemen of his Fathers house: The Countie therefore taking him by the hand, gaue him a most courteous welcome,

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come, and after enquired of the successe of all his Sea adventures, the which the Capitaine discoursed at large, leaving no point of their fortunes barecounted. Thus being satnest in their chat, at last the Countie casting his eye aside, espied Dorosa, and fixing his eye vpon him, which Dorosa noting, bowed himselfe toward the ground with such a seemely grace, as made him take a further view of his fauour and proportion, which finding to be so exquisite, and well accomplished, he demanded of the Capitaine, who and from whence he was: vpon this demand, the Capitaine briefly declared vnto him, how and in what manner he found him among the Pagans, and how he affirmed himselfe to be a Gentleman of Callicia, sold vnto them by the fraudulent dealing of his conductours. Truly (quoth the Countie) well may he be of some honourable parentage, and his very lookes approue him of some high descent, for his very face is a map of magnanimitie, and in his browes are stamped the Characters of future honours; and it seemeth his bringing vp hath bene answerable to the excellent constitution of his body, he is of so gallant a disposition and behaviour. And would you (quoth he) bestow him on me for a gift, I would vse him well, and be alwayes ready to requite your kindnesse, as occasion shall serue. Right honourable Lord (quoth the Capitaine) I am very glad, not onely that I haue any thing wherewith to gratifie your worthines, but also that I may preferre him to so gracions a Lord and Patron, hoping that by your meanes, in time to come, he shall little regard his former sustained iniurie: therfore my Lord, take him at your pleasure and commaund. The Countie having rendered him most hartly thanks, called Dorosa, and demanded if he were content to attend vpon him as his Page. Dorosa seeming no way discontent, answered; he was at his pleasure, at all times willing and ready to the uttermost of his small abilitie. Soe from this day forward did Dorosa serue the Countie, continuing with him until he

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he come to the age of eight and twenty yeares, greatly esteemed of the County for his vertue and honesty, beloved of his Lady for his exquisite beauty, and generally affected of all the Gentlemen & servants belonging to the house for his courteous and kind conuersion amongst them, but especially of his Lady, who would willingly haue yielded him large thongs of her chastity, and made him coziuall with his Lord in loue: but he was too young to sollicite such a sute, and feare withheld her from hazarding her credit in the hands of such a youngling, scarce able to cenceyue of the heate of affection. Thus continued he I say, for the space of foure yeares, without acting any great matter worthy the recitall: which because his verses are so many, as might replenish large volumes, to auoyde both mine owne toyle, and least I should be rather tedious to the Reader, then delightfull to the hearer, I omit. Now at that time there was in a Forrest adioyning to the Countie Pallace, a wonderfull wilde Boare, this Boare had continued there for the space of thirty yeares, so fierre and terrible, as the very hardiest in all the Country durst not any way abide him, by reason whereof he did so many and great mischieses in the kingdom, by spoyleing the Vineyards, turning vp their fields, yea and deuouring both man and beast, or whatsoever came in any of his walkes: This Boare hauing all his bristles more stiffe then the strongest bodkin, & more sharpe then the finest needle: so that with them he was able to strike thzough the most soundest complete harness and with his tuskes to teare asunder all wild beasts what soeuer: more fearefull was this Boare then that of Calidon, slaine by the worthy Meleager, and far surpassing that of Delphos, slaine by the famous Palmendos.

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CHAP. VI.

How *Dorosa* slew a wild Boare, and what great honor and estimation hee gained thereby, and what after chanced during his abode with the County.



DIell so out on a day, that a kinsma of the Countie passing through the Forrest, fel into the walks of this vnruly monster, who most furiously set vpon him, rending his carcase with his horrible talkes, & deuouring both flesh, bloud & bone into his ravenous panch, his fearefull Page saued himselfe by flight, who running trembling to the Countie, declaring the sadde misfortune of his massacred Master, & the terrible tyranny of that infernall monster. The County hearing this, veying himselfe at his destruction, being incens'd with anger, & euery veine filled with choller and discontent, determined without delay to giue the Boare a chase: therfore sending for diuers knights & gentlemen his neighbours, he declared his intent: for (quoth he) so great is his mischief, as it is not any waies vnknown vnto most of you that if he continue long, we shal all be endamaged by this earthy fury, or diuell incarnate, enchanted here by some hellish sorcery, for some damnable intent: these speeches ended, he commended al his men to Arms. The knights and Gentlemen all agreed to the Counties determination, rather for feare of his displeasure, then for any desire they had to incounter with this most monstrous monster. Thus all things being in a readinesse, they entred into the Forrest all armed, to the number of thre hundred, among whom was *Dorosa*, who rode on a very good courser, with a mighty Javelin in his hand, which the Gentle
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Clemen present, indged farre vnfit for so young a Youth. Thus ranging about the Forrest, to rouse this ugly Monster, saking a long time, and not finding him: at length they dispersed themselves some one way, & some another, searching about the thickest of the Forrest: Now, by chance, as they were thus scattered abroad, the County was quite cast off from all his company, and taking to overtake them, by euill hap lighted right into the place where the Boare in a mozy marcle, lay tumbling himselfe in the mire. The County was close vpon him before hee saw him, and the beast espying her enemy so nigh him, rousing himselfe, and setting vp his sharpe bristles, the strong armour of his defence, whetting his mighty tuskes, his eyes sparkling fire, and foaming at his mouth for madnesse, made toward him with all his force, which the County seeing, winded his horne, & seeing the Boare eager to fight, hee roughly encountred him with his Launce, but so hard was his harness hide, that the speare flew in peces, and the Boare entring vpon him, strucke his horse with his huge tuskes, in such sort vnder his ribs, as he fel down dead vnder his spawler, lying so vpon one of his legges, as he could by no meanes get forth. Now the company was farre off, and by reason of the thickenesse of the Forrest, they could not come speedily enough to succour him. Dorota being nigh at hand, like wise lost among the vnknowne shrubs, & hearing the horne, came rushing right to the place even as the County was cast downe, the Boare being ready to haue torne him in peces. Dorota seeing this sauage Diuell in such wise to tyrannize ouer his Lord, with a desperate resolution gaue him the encounter, his speare flew in peces into the ayre: yet the same glancing vpon his brazen side, the fauelin end entred into his flanke, where the skinne was somewhat moze thynne, almost halfe a fote, the end breaking off, left it selfe behinde in the flesh. The Boare feeling himselfe wounded, left the

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County and made toward Dorosa, whetting his tuskes in such monstrous manner, as if he had bene able to hane forne by trees by the roote. This made Dorosa quickly leape from off his horse, and hauing drawne forth his sword, setting both his hands to the same, deliuered such a stroke, as he thought to haue clouen his head in pices: but the same was so stin ty hard, that his sword lighting thereon, flew in thre pices: the Boare still following fast vpon him, which Dorosa seeing, & finding his weapons to deceyue him, with a couragious valour cast the hiltes of his sword at the Boares head, which lighted so right vpon the grilles of his nose, that the Boare gaue a monstrous cry, which Dorosa seeing, being quicke and linely and neuer moze quicke then in this extremity, with a youthfull leape got to the County, and hauing recovered his sword, met the fell monster, who gaping, came toward him, as if he would haue entombed him whole in his rauinous panch: which Dorosa seeing, taking opportunity by the forehead, thrust his sword into his mouth, & followed the same with such puissance, as he sheathed it in his body, almost vnto the hilt: this forced the boare to giue backe, which Dorosa perceyuing, thought he had sped him, and adding a little further strength, pierced him quite through the heart, so that with a yelling cry he fell to the earth, neuer able to recouer again his standing, but weltring in his stone bloud, immediately gaue his last gaspe, by this time had the County wrought himselfe from vnder his horse, and comming to Dorosa, & embracing him in his armes vttered these speeches.

O most fortunate, and thrice happy Dorosa; blessed was thy comming to this sacre and strange Countrey to liue: and right fortunate was I in the houre when I first saw thee: and aboue all men, am I bound to giue thanks to the almighty, for conducting thee hither in my so great extremity, not onely rescuing my life from the talons of this Monster, but ridding the Countrey from so

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Perillous an enemy: how well hath thy face deciphered thy valiancy, and the haughtynesse of thy countenance, the unmatched splendour of thy concealed valour, as hee was thus in the depth of his prayse, came in all the other Knights and Gentlemen, who seeing the Boare slaine, were not a little ioyfull, wondzing at the hugeness of this Monster, yet more admiring the couragiousnesse of them that had slaine him. But when the Countie declared vnto them the valiancy of Dorosa, how he himselfe was overthrowne, and his Page the onely vanquisher, they altogether embraced him, every one extolling his courage and magnanimity euen vnto the cloudes. But to be short, they prailes and gratulations being ended, they cut off the Boares head, and sent it by Messengers vnto the King: which when he, with the Nobles of his Court beheld, they all supposed, that neuer eye suruayed so huge a deformed Creature: And all of them applauding the confusion of this Monster, the King demanded how they wrought the confusion of that earthly furie, sent him then (quoth hee) by some enchannting exorcismes, for the ruine of our whole Countie and common wealth, which when the messenger had declared, with all the manner and circumstance of the same, together with the beauty and excellent behanour of the Pouth, they were all brought into a labyrinth of admiration at the strangenes of the discourse. The King hauing rewarded the Messenger for his pains, and sent great thanks to the Countie for hazarding himselfe against such an vnruely beast, hee took a chaine of rich and softly price, and commaunded the messenger to deliver it to Dorosa, and wish him from me (quoth he) to perseuer in his begun vertues.

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CHAP. VII.

How the Great Turke craueth the beautifull Albina to wife, and being denied, inuadeth Hungarie, and how Dorosa amongst others came against him, and what strange accidents hapned in that battell.



The messenger being gone, the King declared befoze the Quene, his Sonne Feraro, & his daughter, the sayze Princeesse Albina, all the discourse of that yong Dorosa, and of euery part & circumstance as you haue heard befoze: these commendations kindled such a fire in the heart of this beautifull Princeesse, as could neuer be utterly extinguisht, as you shall heare hereafter. And Feraro fullie determined in himselfe, if euer occasion serued for him, to take strange adventures, to make this unknowne youth Companion with him in his trauels. But here we must leaue them a while to their seuerall opinions, and follow our huntsman, whom we left in the Forrest. So soon as they had sent away the Boares head, two of the chiefe knightes tooke Dorosa, and caused him to ride triumphant like betwene them to the Counties Pallace, where all they were most honourably feasted, euery one renewing Dorosa by all the meanes they could, allowing him at that time the next room to his Lord, as the efficient cause of all their extraordinary reioycing, euery extolling his valour to the highest degree.

Thus hauing feasted themselves for some two or three dayes, and caroused their bowles of wine with an vpsley freize, the feast brake vp, and they all tooke their leaue & departed: from this time forward, Dorosa wholly gaue his mind to take Pikes, ride great Horses, to plant

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battailes, and all other such like feates of famous chivalrie. But as you heard before, the Countesse being toucht with the loue of Dorosa, these speeches of excellency, and prayes of his valor, through the heat of affection brought her whole into a flame, which although she did not wholly bewray, yet did she cast forth such, and so many alluring speeches, further then modesty would permit, as Dorosa well perceyued, yet dissembled the same. And remembryng how his brother was ledde in the maskes of errour, purposed in his heart neuer to commit any such offence. Thus continued he with the Countess for the space of two yeares more, his Lady all this while neuer ceasing from her immodest inticements. Dorosa seeing her desire dayly to augment, and her impudency to waxe beyond all meane, he fully purposed to trauaile strange Countries, onely with that chaste Ioseph, he might be free from her assiduell temptations: but being not yet resolu'd which way to bend his course, his intent was altered, as you shall presently heare.

One evening, diuers Knights and Gentlemen being at supper at the Counties, they fell in talke of Albina the kings daughter, one reporting her for the most beautifull Lady in all Europe, another protesting the whole circuit of the earth yielded not her equall, another affirming, that if Hellen of Greece, and Lucretia of Rome, were both liuing, she would surpass the one in beauty, and equall the other in modesty. Thus euery man yielded his censure, some one way, and some another: but to conclude, all supposed her to be the liuely patterne of all perfections, the Art of Nature, and a Pymph supernaturall. Dorosa well hearing all their speeches, decreed in his minde to haue a sight of that earthly Paragon, or ever he passed out of the confines of Hungaria. Whiles Dorosa was thus in the midst of his imagination, & the gentlemen still in the height of their prayes, a Herald entered the hall, & bowing himselfe in reuerence of the Countie and Nobles

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Pobles at the Table, deliuered his message vnto this effect.

Worthy County, the King grates you well, &c. I am here by vertue of Comission vnder his Maiesties hand, do charge and command you, vpon pain of his Highnes displeasure, that with all speed, you gather by sound of Drumme, or otherwise, all such forces as can possibly be made, within all these parts of the kingdom, and with them in all hast to repayze toward his Maiesty: for this day the great Turke, that high and mighty commander of all Asia, inuadeth the Confinnes of Hungaria with a puissant Armie, of two hundred thousand strong & hardy Souldiers, swearing by Mahomet, Alcharon, and the Shyne of Micha, to worke the utter ruine of al this worthy kingdom. if the king will not giue him his saye daughter, the beautifull Albina to wife: the which all you know how contrary the same is to our profession and religion, and rather had the Lady bereaue herselfe of life, then become bound to such an hellish Wagan, who already hath two hundred wiues, besides thre hundred Concubines, all which he useth and abuseth at his pleasure, and rather had the king hazard both life and kingdom, then to yeeld so precious a Jewell to that vnrerrened Mahound.

These speeches rayled a quivering feare in the hartes of many of the Pobles, knights, and Gentlemen, some fearing losse of their liues, other the waiking of their goods, some the captiuitie of their wiues and children, and all the ruine and finall destruction of Hungaria. But this raised a content in the hart of Dorosa, who had now bowed him selfe to follow armes, and further hoped in these warres to ad something that might be acceptable to the eares of that erquisite Princesse. Supper being ended, the Drums hundred, the Trumpets sounded, alarms were giuen, and Posts sent about with all speed, so that by the next day the County had full fiftene thousand men in armes,

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Dorosa had in this time fitted himselfe of a most strong armour, taking a mighty launce, and a huge sword, called Slaught, sometimes belonging to a mighty King of Grecia, which had there hanged by for the space of two hundred yeares, no man once able to wield the same, and then he took a notable Courser out of the stable, fellow to the same the county himselfe rode upon, two better were not in all the realme of Hungaria: Dorosa being thus richly mounted, made his horse fetch such cariers and lances, as made the earth to quake & tremble at the resolute boldnesse of such a rider: and being in this his bryare, so high was his valour and magnanimity, as he supposed himselfe able to encounter a puissant armie, by his owne strength. The County seeing him thus mounted, was fully resolved that if fortune shewed her selfe favourable, Dorosa would perform mighty deeds of chivalry in that battell. Thus being all in readinesse they marched in very comely equipage toward the King, who by this time was ready to enter into the field, having in his army thirtie thousand souldiers: with him was likewise the Duke of Bozenna, having with him twenty thousand. Now when the Counties power was come, they were in all more then threesto thousand strong, but the Turke had thre times so many: and further he protested, except the King would speedily bring forth his daughter, to lay all Hungaria waste, though it cost the lives of those present, and of five hundred thousand more strong and hardy Janisaries.

This made the stoutest of all Hungaria to tremble, but necessitas non habet legem: the king was resolute, and the rest must either fight or dye, and seeing that delay bred danger, in that the Turke still looked for new supplies out of other Countries, he divided his army, the forward wherof was led by the Duke of Bozenna whom he appointed to give the first charge, having under him fifteen thousand; he himselfe with the young Princes his

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his summe Rearre led the maine battall: the Countie of
 Tarraine led the reereward, hauing in his army full ten
 thousand, among whom was that unknowne Dorola:
 Now the king placed the Countie vnder the side of an
 hill, wishing him not to stir till the time of the greatest
 danger.

The king hauing thus ordered his army, intending
 presently to set upon his enemies, who were there ready
 in the plaine, nigh to the Castle of Puzenna, incouraged
 his souldiers with these reuerbes, *Renouuez Hunga-
 rians, and my companions in armes, whose valour hath
 euer bene equall with the most valiant; as they that
 dwell in far remote countries can report, and the Turks
 (by proofe thereof, in times past) themselves can testifie,
 yea, and the wings of every wind can whistle the same:*
 then saying you haue already obtained the name of fortitude,
 let not the multitude of these misbelouing Infidels
 any whit daunt the courage of your neuer daunted valor,
 though they be thye foe: our cause is iust, & they con-
 trary to Al treason, like vnto such wicked Infidels as they
 themselves are (for vnto no other can I compare them, in
 that their wickednesse cannot be equalled by any) they I
 say, with fire & sword seeke to bereaue vs of our liues, to
 lead our wiues & childezen captiues, and to make a desolate
 wildernes of all this our famous country and kingdom,
 or else that which is worse, here to place the name of
 their most monstrous Idoll. Nowe he would haue sayd,
 but with this he was forced to breake off his Oracion,
 for that the Turke already gaue an alarme to the fight.
 The right wing led by the king of Aquilea, gaue a furious
 assault vpon the forefront of the Hungarians, pressing
 on with their thicke troupes, laying on heauy blowes in
 such sort, that in lesse than halfe an houre the Dukes po-
 wer was almost wholly discomfited: which the king of
 Hungaria seeing, rushed forth with his main battell with
 such force, as they bare and beat down the Turkes horse,

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and wall to the ground, so that in that space were then
ten thousand Pagans lay weltering in their own blood:
In this conflict the King of Aquiles was slain, and the
Duke of Modena so for hurt, as he was faine to be car-
ried out of the Army into Milan. The French
Sultane seeing this, pressed forth with all the ranks of
his maine Armes: now beganne the battell with such vi-
gor, as might haue dismayed the strongest courage to
behold the fury of this fight: there might you heare the
Drummes thunder, the Trumpets sounding, the fies
warble: there might you see knights cast off their hor-
ses, horses running without their master, some without
armes, some cut off by the middle, some striking, some
crying, some killed, others dying: yea, and to conclude
so cruell was this fight, as might haue fortified the stout-
est Champion to behold: but the Turkes being more
then three for one, followed the fight with such vigour, as
the Hungarians being discomfited, were ready to haue
taken themselves to flight: but the bloody Pagan think-
ing to make this the last dayes day of all the Hungari-
ans, cast his ranks in a ring, & compass them about on all
sides, which the Countie of Carrame seeing, dispayring of
all hope of victorie, was ready to haue taken himselfe to
flight: which Dorosa (who all this while longed to be a-
mong them) seeing uttered these words. What my Lord,
it is reprochfull to be the last that fight, and the first that
flye, much more to flye, and neuer fight: what courage my
Lord, Audentes fortuna iuuat: with this, spurring his
Palfrey, and as it were, one led by some tempestuous fu-
ry, rushed in among the Pagan ranks, overthrowing
seauen Turkes one after another, horse and man to the
ground, redoubting his blowes with such valour, as the
Turkes on all sides were glad to free his passage: which
the King of Nequea, one belonging to the Turke seeing,
roughly encountred him with all his puissance, their lan-
cet flew into the ayre like dust, Dorosa neuer stirring in
his

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his saddle: but this proved to many in the end, for he turn-
 ed over his horse again. The danger of the battell
 of *Dorosa*, stirred with a desire of honour, pushing forth
 with his troupe, gave a fresh supply: notwithstanding the su-
 re of this battell in such sort, as is impossible for my inde-
 penne to expresse the clattering of their armes, rechoing
 in the ayre, & the very earth trembling at the sounding of
 their horse hooves. Thus continued the fight for the space
 of two houres, hard to iudge on whose side fortune
 would be prodigall. *Dorosa* all this while laying on such
 load, that where soever he went, the Turkes fledde like
 sheepe from a hunger-starved Wolfe, swearing by *Ma-*
homet, that *Mars* himselfe in the likeness of a man, was
 come downe to succour the Christians: his deedes like-
 wise renewed such a courage among the Hungarians that
 no one of them but endeavoured himselfe to the uttermost
 of his power to excell other in deeds of chivalry: by this
 time had *Dorosa* made a lane through the Turkes, and
 was got into the midst, where the Hungarians were
 enclosed. Now there was in the Turkes host a mighty
 Gyant called *Mordaco*, this hellish monster wrought
 great dammage to the Hungarians, beating down horse
 and man to the ground, which the king seeing, took a
 strong Lance, and ran with all his might against him,
 but nothing was able to stir him in his saddle: but *Mor-*
daco seeing the king before him, and partly knowing him
 by the beautifullnes of his armour, lent him such a stroke
 with his heavy mace, that he forced him to kisse the earth.
 The Prince *Feraro* seeing this, with a desperate resolu-
 tion set upon this *Pagan*: but alas, the second stroke this
Mordaco reached him so sound a blow on the head, as he
 fell from his horse: by this time was the king got by a-
 gaine on his feet, fighting very valiantly, being beset
 about with many *Pagans*: but luckily in this skirmish
Dorosa breaking through the ranks, and seeing *Feraro*
 fall from his horse, yet not knowing that it was the kings

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found Mordaco came out of the bayes of one that was
next him, & encountered this Mordaco with such a con-
fident fury, as he gaue him quite vnder his horse Cronper,
who with the weight of his copulency burst in the baye
in such sort, as his bowels came out: and there setting
hand to his laughter his sword, made the passage, man-
gue the hearts of all those Dutchmenes Cars. And catch-
ing the horse that this terrible pagan rode on, hoisted a-
gaine hereto, in that he saw him in most danger, and re-
scuing the kingdome al his encloues, placed him likewise
vpon his horse, who was then so weary and faint, that
he was forced to goe out of the battell into his Tent.
By this time the Turkes lost their lines so on all sides,
as it was easie to perceiue to whom the victorie would de-
cline, which the great Turke seeing, and how the mighty
Mordaco was slaine, on whom he trusted more then on
halse his Army, seare adding wings to his hailes, turned
his back and fled, crying out to his Pobles, he that is last
in flight shall be first in death: but Dorosa seeing this,
with an hundred stout Hungarians which now followed
him at an ynch, encompassed the Turke & his Pobles,
euery one seeking to shift for himselfe, lest the Turke pri-
soner to Dorosa, whom he committed to those Hunga-
rians, following himselfe among other of the Army, kil-
ling and slaying the Turkes like sheepe, euery vnto the
furthest bounds of all Hungaria, vntill night grew on, &
darkenesse forced them to sound retreat,

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How after the battell the King inquired who *Dorosa* was, and commanded him to be brought vnto him, and after he commanded that he should bee lodged with his son *Feraro*, also how the Kings daughter *Albina* fell in loue with *Dorosa* vpon others commendations, and what afterwards hapned.

His happy victory thus obtained, euery man was commanded to his owne squadron, & hauing taken some repose after they late trauels, then order being taken for the buriall of the dead, which they found to be of the Hungarians 25000. and some odd persons, but of the *Turkes* were slaine five men for one. These things being ended, the King dispatche a Post towards the Court, to declare the ioyful and long wished for newes of this new obtained victory to the *Queene*, and the sayre *Princesse Albina*, and the rest of the honorable Ladies. This done, the king inquired what they called that yong man, vnto whose prowesse they were all so much indebted: one of his Nobles made answer, that it was one that was Page vnto the Countie of *Turaine*, he which slew the grāt boare in the forest of *Dunes*. Then the king sēt a *Herold* vnto the Countie, commanding him & *Dorosa* to attend his person, which they presently did. So soone were they come into his sight, but the king rose vp and went toward them, which *Dorosa* seeing, falling down vpon his knee offered to kisse his hand, but the king would not permit the same, but taking him in his arms embraced him after a most kind manner, and therewithal vttered these speeches: Thou art worthy of all chiuallry and magnanimity,

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whose perfect perfections of rare outward lineaments is a true mappe of thy inward vertues, and a neuer fallable index of thy vndauntable valour: by thee, & by thy means hath our misfortunes bin prevented, and without thy help we had all been slaues vnto death, & wofull subjects to vnspcakable misery: thou hast not onely deliuered me & my son Feraro, which were euē at the entrance of deaths doore, but hast done generall good to Hungaria, which had this enuious day bin drowned with the blood of her naturall Inhabitants: but thy arme clearing vs from these mists of misery, when all hope of life was past, hath filled these playnes with an Ocean of blood from the hearts of those cursed miscreants, eternizing thy name through the worthines of thy valour.

With this all the people shouted out, long liue valiant and fortunate Dorosa, whose violence among our enemies was like a storme of tempest beating down al hope of their safety into the dust, & like the waues of Neptune, ouerturning their boats, making their dead carcases float in the billowes of their owne blood. Dorosa blushing to heare these high commendations, kneeled again to the ground, and replyed in this manner. Mighty King, if I haue done any thing worthy the rehearsall, it was but the duty of a Subject toward his Prince, and for your prayles, I esteeme my selfe altogether vnworthy, neyther was it my proweste, that so furthered this victory, but all those worthy Chieftaines and souldiers, who like resolute Lyons cooled the pride of this over-daring Sultane, and if it were my hap (quoth he) to succour your Maiesty, and the worthy Prince Feraro your Sonne, whose deserts this day are worthy to be accounted in the highest degree: I hold that subject worthy los of death, that will not hazard his life in the behalfe of his Soueraigne, against all such insulting tyrants. With this the king immediately bestowed on him the Order of Knighthood, too small a reward for his honourable acts: yet the greatest honour

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honour the field can afford. Those speeches ended, the Chirurgions having againe searched and dressed they wounds, the King caused *Dorosa* to haue his Cabin appointed, in his owne *Paullion*, with his sonne *Feraro*. Thus the day passed away with ioy, feasting themselves with their warlike provision, untill the night grew on, and euery man betooke himselfe to his rest, where we will leave them for this night to refresh theyr ouer-wearied bodies with some sweet slumbers, and returne to the *Queene*, and her daughter *Albina*, with the rest of theyr Ladies.

All this while the Ladies were sad and heavy, and had heard no tidings of their expected fortunes. And now the fourth night after their departure being come, they could hardly suffer any quiet nap to enter into their carefull heads, especially *Albina*. in whose tender heart the fearefull rumour of these terrible warres, had made such an impression, calling to mind the danger wherein shee with all the Country of *Hungaria* was in: getting vp very early, and leaning her selfe in her window, breathed out these lamentations. Oh vnforsunate *Albina*, happy haddest thou bene, if the day of thy birth had bene the tearme of thy life. What sinister planet had domination at the time of thy *Parturition*? or what froward fate hath allotted thee this destiny? Thy life is now on the latest *Period* of expectation, and thou like to proue to thy Father, as *Helen* did to *Priam*: *Pea*, bee sure of this (quoth she) if this *Heathen Tiger* prouaile: for what pittie is to be looked for of such deuouring *Fathers*, as haue neither pittie nor piety? Oh well might my, woorthy Father haue done, to haue giuen mee into the hands of this tyrannizing Tyrant, nether then to hazard his estate, crowne and dignity for me vnwoorthy gyll: as shee was thus in the depth of her plants, one of the Watchmen of the Tower hauing espyed the *Boast*, knocked at the doze, declaring there was a Messenger came galloping from to-
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wards the Campe in all hast, and that he was already within lesse then a mile : these tidings made the Queen and all her Ladies quickly to arise to heare the newes that might reioyce their hearts : or else the sad report of theyr calamity and future misery. And being come downe the Post entered into the Hall, and hauing done his obeysance, the Queens commaunded him to declare his message, which God grant (quoth she) it be good it is so much desired.

Renowned Queene (quoth he) I am not that blacke tell-tale of euill misfortunes, but bring you tidings of our good successe, and your happy deliuerance : know then in brieue (quoth he) that the Pagans are put to flight, the great Turke himselfe taken prisoner, and more then a hundred thousand of them lye weetering in their owne bloud. Then fell he to discoursing from point to point, from the beginning to the ending, of all euents happned in that battell. How they were almost discomfited, and how the baliancy of one Dorosa was the onely meanes to encrease their courage: how the king was overthron and likewise the Prince Feraro, by the Giant Mordaco, and how Dorosa sent the soule of that mischieuous monster to attend vpon Pluto in his kingdome of darknesse, and how he horsed againe the Prince, and rescued the king in despire of the damned rout.

Now assuredly we need not doubt how great delight these rare reports byed in the hearts of all those worthis Ladies, seeing they so nighly appertained to their safety : With this the Queene rose vp, and taking the messenger by the hand, gaue him great thanks for his gladsome message: then turning to her daughter and Ladies, sayde vnto them, how, or in what maner shall we be able to require the vspeakable desert of that famous Dorosa : With this she hauing commended her selfe by salutations to the king, pulled the chaine from off her necke, and sent it to Dorosa, saying, giue this to that renowned youth

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youth, with hearty thanks from me, and all these Ladies here present for his faithfull service, and valorous actions in this cruell warres. With this the beautifull Albina, whose heart was almost raulted with the rare reports of this exquisite Partialist, rose up, and with a pleasant demeanour, pulled off a rich Diamond, which hung on a little chaine about her wrist, and gave it to the messenger, saying, seeing these warres so nercely concerne my selfe, I should seeme very ingratefull if I should send nothing unto that worthis Dorosa, in signe with what thankfulness we receive this most honorable service at his hands, and tell him from mee; I will be as readie to requite his deserts to the uttermost of my power, as he was forwarde with the hazard of his life to purchase his liberty. With this, all the Ladies applauding this happy victorie, every one of them sent one Jewell or other to thatfortunate Aragonian.

The Poast thus having his charge, and being bountifullly rewarded for his paines, with all expedition returned toward the Campe, leaving the Ladies in all possible content. The messenger being come againe to the Armie, declared to the King with what joy these newes were excepted at the Court, and having left no point of his commands unrehearsed, he went unto Feraro and Dorosa, betwene whom was now entred such a league of amity as continued untill death, as you shall heare hereafter. The messenger having saluted the Prince, turned toward Dorosa, declaring the commendations and thanks they all ingenerall had given him in charge. With this he deliivered the Chaine and Diamond, which the Quene and her daughter had sent, with all the Jewels of the rest of the Ladies: which when Dorosa beheld, hee thought himselfe happy that hee was deputed worthy to receive such excellent favours from those exquisite Ladies, but especially of Albina. And taking the Chaine & Diamond which she had sent, put it about his wrist, resolving

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in his minde neuer to depart from the same during his life, inwardly bowing himselfe the loyall seruant of that percellesse Paragon.

While he was in this determination, the King hauing taken order for the prisoners ransomes, and deuised the spoyle, the greatest part whereof was attributed vnto Dorosa, which was not so frankly giuen, but hee as freely bestowed it againe among other of the souldiers, which moued him no small good will of all the common and inferior sort. The ransome of the great Turke was set at seauen thousand thousand pounds: all which the King offered to bestow vpon Dorosa; but Dorosa answered, hee desired no greater wealth then his fauour: therefore most dread Soueraigne (quoth he) bestow this huge masse of money vpon some other person, who you shall thinke meet, and were my opinion authenticall, seeing the Turke contrary to your good will and liking, desired your daughter to wife, and for this cause made these forcible inuasions, he with his treasure should make her such a substance as were sufficient for to ioyne her with the greatest Monarch on the earth. The King highly thanked Dorosa for this aduice, and presently ordayned that his daughter should haue all the Turkes ransome for her dowrie.

This done, and the Souldiours dismissed, they all took their iourney toward the Court, every one applauding the happinesse of this victorie; thus clipping Times wings with the tediousnesse of their talke, within two dayes they were come within tenne miles of the Court: which the Quene hearing, set forth with the faire Albino, and all her Princely trains of Ladies to meete them, all clad in their most costly robes, in signe of ioy and gladnesse for this so obtained victorie: they met all together within thre miles of the Palace, in a pleasant vale called the vale of delight, where the king seeing them, with the rest of the Nobles, they all alighted off their horses. The Quene likewise with her Daughter and Ladies,
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issued out of their severall Coaches, Albina being clothed in a kirtle of white damaske, all diapred with branches of silver, her Colone of purple coloured velvet, curiously embroidered with rich knobs of gold, the sleeves thereof all set with Emeraulds of most rich & costly price: the treamels of her haire like the golden threads of Diana, lay out from under a silver Canle, as though Lone had there laid in ambush; upon her head she did weare a garland set round with Diamonds, Rubies, Carbuncles, and many rich pearles and precious stones of all sorts: about her lilly necke shee did weare a sumptuous Chaine, in middes whereof, betwene the snow white ozbes of her breasts, hung downe a rich Carbuncle, by Art, still gracing Nature, her eyes like the starres of Ariadne, or the beames of the Sunne, reflecting vpon a rocke of Christal, pleading pittie in the heart of euery man, which beheld this beauntious obiect, the most golden Planet of her age, triumphed faire, in whom fairenesse onely triumphed.

This Paragon was no sooner presented to the view of Dorosa, in whose browes Honour sate all this while twining her golden tresses, but that the Idea of her perfections, were so lodged in his heart, that he sweare to himselfe, all they which made reports of her beauty, were but partiall in their praises, in that they were not halfe sufficient to counteruaile her excellencie.

Dorosa standing thus, dreaming as if he had built Castles in the ayre, was shaken out of his dumps, as you shall presently heare. The King and Queene hauing saluted and embraced each other, the Queene made toward Dorosa, which Feraro seeing, laid his hand vpon his shoulder, saying; see deare friend where the Queene cometh, which Dorosa hearing, with a blushing countenance, as he were chidden by him for his oblivion, stepped toward her, and falling downe vpon his knee, offered to kisse her hand, which she graciously permitted: by this time the Princessse Albina hauing done her dutie to the king her

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Father, and he embracing her louingly in his armes, looking after her Mother, espied Dorosa, and fixing her eyes stedfastly vpon him (the tyrant Loue now minding to aggravate her amours) the more admired his beauty, then before the report of his valour. Then grew she dumbe, with admiring, then sighing because she was dumbe, blushing to heare her selfe sigh, and then againe grew pale, fearing least her blushing, dumbnesse, and sighing, should of any other be perceiued then of her stone heart. After her warre of thoughts had taken some truce, the King noting all this while the suddaine mutations of her complexion, demanded what griping griefe gauled her at the heart, or what extremitie of passions vzaue him into these extraoꝛdinarie alterations. And to minister some receipt of comfort in her bitter agonie, he tolde her he had (at the request of Dorosa) bestowed on her the Turkes rancome, which was so great, as her dowrie should be sufficient to match with the most mighty King or Emperour in all Christendome: which the Princesse hearing, wished that Dorosa might be that Emperour, which should enioy both her and that great dowrie. These speeches being ended, the King wished his daughter to be thankfull to that happy Dorosa, who was now not only a second Father vnto her, but euen vnto himselfe, yea and euen the generall god of all Hungaria. At this command Albina went toward this woorthie Aragonian, who seeing her come, stood as one with a flea in his eare, or as one with the Gorgons head transformed into a stone, gazing vpon her face with such a curious surueiw, that caused Albina with a blush to infuse such a vermillion die in her snow white face, as farre surpassed that of Luna, when she kissed the shepheard Endimion on the hill of Latmos; which Dorosa seeing, as a man newly waked out of some swate slumber, with a gracious demeanour fell downe vpon his knée, offering in like manner to kisse her hand: but the Princesse taking him by the arme, bte-

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red these speeches. *Worthie* knight arise, for ill it becometh the flower of all Chivalry, and most excellent by desert, to kneele to so simple a Lady as my selfe, rather let me prostrate my selfe at your feete, acknowledging your worthinesse to be the onely supporter of my life, vnto whom I shall neuer be able to yeld sufficient requitall: *Dorosa*, so farre as a maydens power may extend, assure your selfe I will be alwaies forward to further your good, which I hope shall be sufficient to breede in you content, though nothing answerable to your great desert, for vltra possem non esse. And this I say, presume that I will performe, and wherein I want, I doubt not but my Father will be readie to supply. *Dorosa* feeling in his heart the extreamest of Lones martirdome, these gracious salutations were but as torments to encrease his passions and woes that further renewed his wounds, with a steadfast countenance, as one building his fortune in her eyes, breathing out a sigh, and staying his face with a comely blush, replied in this manner.

Diuine Princeesse, seeing it pleaseth you to attribute such praise to so small atchieued victories, and to prolesse such future friendship for so slender a demerit, you haue not onely giuen me such a reward as may surfeit me with content, but bound me your most dutifull seruant, vntill the latestt periede of my life. And were my desert much, as it is scarce worthie to be named, one friendly looke from so requisite a Lady as your selfe, might be esteemed a sufficient guerdon for the same. Longer had *Dorosa* continued his gratulations, but by this time the King was againe mounted on his Palfrey, and the Queene getting vp into her Coach, which forced them to breake off the party, and with a louely signe glauncing from their eyes, tooke a congie to their talke for a time. So soone as they were come to the Kings Palace, where all things were prepared for a most rich and costly supper, to refresh themselves with their Princely Eates after their late trauels,

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The Table being couered, euery one was placed according to his worthinesse, Dorosa this night was placed next vnto the Kings Highnesse, ouer against him the Duke of Pozena, and by him the Countie of Lorraine, and so forth, euery one of the Nobles in their order at a square Table, ouer against them sate the Quene and her Ladies. But Dorosa all this supper time was so busie in contemplating his most glorioius object (the Princeesse Albina, who was seated ouer against him) that he fed with a slender appetite, verififying the oldeproverbe, *Vbi animus, ibi oculus*, leauelling the arrowes of his eyes at the butts of her beauty, in such sort, as if she had bene the articke point, and they the *Piedle*, drawne by the attractive vertue of the *Admant*, neuer able to turne untill they failed by variation, they alone did the office of the tongue and hand, as trusty Secretaries and faithfull Postengers of the effects of the minde, often blushing, and againe mingling his outward blushing with inward sighing, and sighing, became dumbe, soz feare least his looks too publique a tell-tale of his loue, should be perceined of any other then of her, whom so much he desired. Albina on the other side was not idle in her thoughts, though fearefulnesse caused her to couer her loue in moze secret manner: soz Venus boy had giuen them such a touch with one venomous arrowe, that they might both say with Ouid, *Amor nullis medicabilis herbis*, neither was it possible soz either of them to be cured, but by the water which flowed from the Fountaine, from whence they received their disease.

Supper being ended, diuers kindes of strange Musick came in, which being come, sundry of the Nobles betooke themselves to dance the Peasures. The Duke of Pozena, bearing an inlixe affection vnto the Princeesse, took her by the hand, and requested her to daunce: but she excusing her selfe, answered she was not well, soz she felt some griping at her heart, by reason whereof she could not per-
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sozme his request : and further she feared much stirring would hurt his yet uncured and dangerous wounds. The Prince Ferrar seeing this called for a galliard, which when he had well perfozmed, he earnestly requested his friend *Dorosa* to doe the like, which he at his entreaty presently undertooke, perfozming it with such maiesty and grace, that all protested he was not lesse active in those pastimes, then valozous and resolute in the warres, & that he was a fit Courtier for *Venus*, as a Combitant for *Mars*. *Albina* hauing al this while ouerbiewed the sports, feeling the heate of her new kindled amozous fire to encrease, crauing leaue to depart, and bidding them all good night, she with her Ladies went vnto her bed'chamber, where she being disrobed thinking to beguile these new conceined passions with some quiet and sweet contented slumbers, she accounting *Loue* a toy, and *fancie* a momentany passion, and perswading her selfe that as the one was taken in-with a gaze, so the other would be easily shaken off with a way, thus imagining her conceits would haue rockt her a sleepe, she quickly betooke her selfe to her rest, commanding straightly that no noyse should be made. But now when she began to sleepe, straight wayes the lovely personage of *Dorosa* was presented vnto her, and when she awaked, she could thinke of nothing but his valour, and thus between sleeping and waking she stil was dreaming of his exquisite parts and his most perfect and rare perfections.

Being thus troubled in her thoughts, tozmented at the heart, and distempered in her bzaines, she raising her selfe in her bedde, and leaning her head on her hand, and perceiving her maides were all fast asleepe, she fell into these tearmes : Ah *Albina*, what strange and extraordinario passions are these that thus chalenge interest in thy hart : or what vnaccustomed tozments do thus afflict thy mind : or what is it that thus imperiously tiranizeth in the pure virgin and harmotell's breast, and bereaueth thee of thy wonted

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Wonted quiet rest: poore soule, what strange fire dost thou endure, burning like Etna within, and how dost thou nourish the same, and Salamander like liuest therein? Oh Albina, thou with earnest gazing against the Sunne art become blinde, by staring at the starres hast stumbled on the stones, and by thinking to sip of Loue, hast already drunken at once so large a draught, that thou art wholly drunken with the venome of his drugs. Fond girl, why dost thou payse the worth of his valour, at the price of thy life? or take in that at the eis which consumeth the whole bodye? Cur aliquid vidi, cur noxia lumina feci? Thou hast coued Albina beyond the Pone, and if thou yeld to these passions, shalt let thy barke sayle beyond the most honourable point of thy compasse. And wherein fond Wench? but euen in the tempestuous sea of Loue, ready if thou thinne Syztes, to sinke into Symphlagades, amidst the Pikes, betwene Scilla and Charibdis, thy boate being guided by such a Pilot as delighteth only in the shipwreck of them he carrieth? And on whom fond woe hast thou fixed thy fancie? on a stranger, what though valiant? yet thy fathers vassalle, and although beautifull, yet of base birth and kindred. Wilt thou fond wench settle thy selfe to Francis, and forgetting thy estate, the honour of thy race, and thy fathers care, come to the Lure without calling? yea, and neglecting the offer of mighty kinings, doste on one of so meane parentage and calling. Why if thou intend to loue, yet loste one of thine owne Country, and yeld to the request of that honourable and right worthy man the Duke of Bozenna, of whose loyaltie thou hast had long experience. Tush vaine wench, why dost thou thinke to yeld thy loue to either of them? no, forget these amours, settle thy selfe to thy rest, and arise early and fall to thy Needle, *Otiam si tollas periere cupidinis arcus.* When Albina, thinke no more of Dorosa, his beauty or valiancie: yea, and if thou canst not quench the coales of desire with forgetfulness, yet rake them by in the ashes of modesty:

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modesty : carrie two faces vnder one Hood, couer thy flaming fancie with a fained shew, beare a painted sheath with a leaden dagger, and a merrie countenance, though a melancholly minde : and of all the Fathers Knights, esteeme *Dorosa* the least, yea, and so much the lesse as hee is the latest. With this taking forth her Lute which lay at her beds head, she warbled forth this Dittie.

ALL this night
By his might,
Loue hath made my heart his Cell ;
Venus ioy,
Wanton boy
From mine eyes did rest expell.

Wanton sports,
Wily ports,
Slipperie flights, and foolish loue,
His intent
To inuent
How to catch the simple Doue.

Blinded boy,
Venus ioy,
All thy Godhead is a toy,
Power small,
To enthrall,
Or to worke my hearts annoy.

I haue right
Armour bright.
Compound of rare chastitie :
This I say,
Night and day,
Shall withstand thy Deitie.

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Then pack hence,
Hie thee hence,
Or with Nettles Ile thee whip:
For thy sinne,
Thou shalt winne
Scourges that will make thee skip,
Scourges that will make thee skip.

Thus having finished her Oade, shee shrowded her selfe againe in her bed, and betooke her selfe to her slumbers, fully intending by the bziole of reason to maister her affections, as indeede she did for a time. Now on the other side, Dorosa who was further prickted with the extremitie of his passions, having taken his congie of the company, and being entred into his chamber, fell into these complaints; Unfortunate Dorosa, hast thou escaped from the furie of these horrible warres, and in them gained same for thy valour, and hast now receiued such a wound by beauty, that it must cost thee thy life? Fond Dorosa, hast Loue shot his wounding arrowe, so that the wound is altogether mortall? and with whom art thou in loue? with no lesse person then Albina, a Princesse by birth, exteriorly beautified with the gifts of nature, and inwardly adozned with deuine perfections? Fond soule, hast thou not read, that Bucephalus will coupe to none but to Alexander: Mercurius Pipe will be tuned of none but Orpheus, nor such great Ladies be counted of any but of great Lords? What Dorosa, canst not thou not see the Sonne, but with the foolish Eagle thou sakest to build the nest therein, and so burne out thine eyes with that proud lust? Yet Dorosa, what if Albina be a Kings daughter, art not thou likewise the Sonne of that late renowned Fragoza? and what if she be beautifull, hath not nature endued thee with the like perfections? Ah Dorosa, but though thou hadst a mighty Father, thou art but a little Sonne, banished from thy lands, from thy Country.

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Country and kindred by an unkinde brother? leave then these tearmes, least as the bird Celos wandring from her nest, cannot returne through forgetfulnesse, and so ever after abandoneth company: so thou by rememb'ring what thou hast bene, forgettest what thou art, and by an aspiring minde seeking to clime, catchest such a fall, that thou loost thy new friend with thy olde. Then Dorosa, sake to allay thy assaulting passions with wholesome meditations: and first, thinke with thy selfe what hath allured thee to love, her wealth, her wit, or her beauty, her behaviour, or her brauerie: if her wealth, contemne riches, and learne to be wise, and with Pythagoras despise that good, which with liberality is wasted and lost, and by sparing doe rust and rot: if she be witty, why, the more witty the more wanton, so women hold this Ariome for authenticall, to be witty and not wanton, is precisenesse. And hath her beauty allured thee? tush Dorosa, the freshest colour soonest fade, the golden Apple is most infected at the core, and the fine Cambryck sooner stayned then the coarse Caruasse. Dianira was faire, yet her iealousie the destruction of the most mighty Hercules: none more beautifull then Hellen, yet her inconstancie the overthrow of Kingdomes: and Angelica was of a most pure complexion, yet so proud, as by the over-winning of her selfe she condemned all men. Thinke Dorosa, that forma numen habet, was rather the saying of a soale then the sentence of a Philosopher: for the Chest-nut Tree bringeth forth the soft sweet Chest-nut out of the prickly and hard huske: the Stone Galatides, though it be blacke in shew, yet being broken, it produceth matter more white then milke, and the foulest Load hath the most precious Stone in his head. And as for beauty of it selfe, it fadeth with the Winters blast, and is parched with the Summers Sunne, every wrinkle is ready to deface it, and the least scarre is ready to ruinate the same, which if it escape, yet it hath his date.

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Forma bonum fragile est, quantumq; accedit ad annos :
fit minor & spacie carpitur ipse suo.

And what then Dorosa hath enticed thee : her bzaunery.
Why, the Critich hath faire feathers but ranke flesh.
In painted pots is hid the most deadly popson : and gay
attired women are like the Crimine, whose skinne is de-
sired, but whose carcasse despised. Women Dorosa are
extream in all extreamities, Est in eis pietas Crocodili
astucia Hienæ. When if thou pretendest to loue, thinke to
how many importunities thou offest thy selfe. The
worthie Emperour Marcus saith : If a man loue them
not, they account him a villaine ; if he loue them, they
thinke him light : if he leaue them, they repute him a co-
ward : if he follow them, he is lost : if he serue them, he
is not regarded : if he serue them not, he is hated of them.
In another place he saith, they take so off the bit in the
teeth, that in doing euill there is no bible can refraine
them, and so slow to doe well, that no spurre can picke
them forward : they are lovely by nature, but becommeth
Serpents by malice : they are constant in nothing but in
inconstancie, Cast est quam nemo rogauit. And as a late
Writer saith,

Vult dare sed cupiens, simplex & honesta videri :

Denegat & pugnat, sed vult super omnia vinci :

And Socrates saith, women are more malicious then a
serpent, more enuious then a Tyrant, and more deceitfull
then the Diuell. All venomous beasts haue not so much
popson in their taitles, as they haue in their tongues : they
are mala necessaria : yea, and to conclude, though they
were made of the perfections of man, to be comforters,
they haue tasted of the infection of the serpent, and are al-
together become coxswines. What Dorosa, wilt thou be-
come some biting Satirist, that thou art thus enuious
against their sexe, haddest thou not thy being from one of
them : is it not an enill bird that will pick at his dammes
eyes : Fond soles, keepe a Hatch before the dore, let not
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thy tongue runne befoze thy wit: was there not as well a chaste *Lucrecia*, as a wanton *Lais*: as well a pure *Electra*, as a prodigious *Pasiphaë*: as well a kinde *Alceste*, as an vnconstant *Cresside*: as well an honourable *Penelope*, as an vn honest *Helen*, and as well a deuout *Iudith*, as a wicked *Iezabell*? Doe not then *Dorosa*, approve the opinion of so few men, neither inferre a generall conclusion vpon a particular proposition: for as the earth bringeth forth both the Bee to giue honey: and the Spider to yeild payson: so are there some women as vertuous as any were vicious, and then thinke *Dorosa*, if any be endued with vertue, *Albina* is vertuous, yea, honour *Albina*, fauour *Albina*, serue and loue *Albina*, yet so, that thou make not thy selfe slaue vnto *Cupid*, nor botwed seruant vnto *Venus*. *Dorosa* hauing thus pacified himselfe, leaning his head downe, fell into a slumber.

CHAP. IX.

How *Dorosa* and *Albina* continued in loue each to other, and neither of them durst disclose it to the other, and how *Albina* was imprisoned, through the false accusations of *Mardeno* Duke of *Porenno*, and what after happened.



¶ Sooner had *Pheebus* bailed the curtains of the night, but these two Louers purposing to burie their loue with forgetfulness, betooke themselves to their labours. *Dorosa* to the chace among the Nobles, *Albina* to her studie among the Ladies, hee being out of hope of obtaining, and shee vowing sanctitie in her election, affirming, that as hee which shoteth a pellet of dust, hurteth him that he hitteth, and blindeth him that

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stands next: so an euill choise is the destruction of y^e choyser, the sorrow of her friends, & the reioycing of her enemies.

Thus continued they hiding the flames of their loue, in the cinders of their breasts, for the space of one whole yeare. Dorosa all this while encreasing in the Kings fauour, and generally beloued of all the Nobles in the Court, one onely excepted, as you shall presently heare. Mordeno the Duke of Bozenna, broiling in the heat of his affection toward Albina, and oppressed with the fury of iealousie against Dorosa, fearing him to be his coyrrinal in his loues. Upon this suspition, I say, Mordeno fell in extreame hatred toward this worthy Aragonian, and ha- uing already solicited his fate, and finding the hope of his Vintage, nipt with the frost of veniall (for in truth al- though Albina couered her coales of Fancie with sained ashes, yet could she loue none but Dorosa, in that she sou'd not any his equall.) Mordeno seeing this, was fully per- swaded that Dorosa was the only man that made his de- fires sozt to so bad effect. Thus ruminating on his me- lanchely passions, and raging in these fits of iealousie, he pretended to cut the grasse from vnder his fate, and leass he should rob him of his Loue, he intended by treason to bereaue him of his life. Thus continued the pad hidden in the straw for the space of halfe a yeare. Mordeno find- ing no meanes to intrap Dorosa within his snares of en- mis. Now it chanced one euening, as Dorosa was walk- ing in an Arbour, adioyning to one of the Gardens of the Kings Palace. The Princeesse Albina thinking to refresh her selfe with the coleneffe of the aire, toke a couple of her Damosels, and walked into the Garden, where they were no sooner entred, but they espied Dorosa in the Arbour. The Princeesse seated her selfe vpon a pleasant banke of Camomile, and commanded one of her Damosels to take her Lute and play, that they might as well refresh their eares with musicke, as they did their senses with those odouriferous hearbs, and glutted their
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eyes with beholding the curious colours of Sommers
pride, so diapted with Florae riches.

Dorosa saying this, stood for a while viewing the face
of Albina, whom he had not seen for the space of
three weekes, which seemed so glorious, as he feared with
Acteon to be surpris'd with her beautie: while hee thus
stood, as coales raked vp in the imbers will at last
breake out into a flame; so Louer renewed such a fresh
assault, that he stood gazing, not able any way to reuolue
himselfe: but gathering his senses together, and percei-
ving he was already espied, thinking this would be noted
for his misdemeanour, pluckt vp his spirits, and pased
towards the Princeesse, and being come nigh, saluted her
in this wise: Divine Mistresse, if I seemed negligent in
my duty, or slacke in salutations toward your Person,
I humbly craue pardon, which I hope will be the easier
obtained, and you the more willing to excuse my folly, by
measuring the cause of the offence: seeing the attractiue
power of your beauty had so surpris'd my senses, that
doubting with the Troiane Boy on the mount Ida, I
had seen the beautifull Venus, straining to obtaine the
sentence of her excellency, and for my ouermuch gazing
should haue bene metamorphos'd by some celestiall Dei-
tie. And epyther with Arcas bene made subiect to the bow
of her Sonne Perseus, or being transformed with Acte-
on, should haue forthwith become a pray to the implaca-
ble Curs.

Dorosa hauing vttered these speeches, the Princeesse
painting her face with a Vermillion dye, replied in this
manner: Sit Dorosa, pardon ought alwaies to be gran-
ted where the offender hath already deserued forgiveness:
but where no offence hath bene committed it is so much
the easier granted. But as for your standing so long si-
lent, it is rather to be thought that you were ruminating
of some melancholy passion, then so idle as to stand so long
looking on her that is neither worthy awake, nor worthy
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of Ioue. But as for your feare of being transformed; if Acteon had bene so perfect of exterior lineaments, and indued with such inward valour, the Goddesse (no doubt) would haue bene more pittifull, then to haue giuen so sharpe a doome for so small an offence. But had I power to metamorphise, though I did not change your shape, yet would I alter your words, in that they saunt so much of flatterie: which were they spoken in iest, deserued anger in earnest; and were they vttered in earnest, well might I laugh at your folly: but seeing you are thus luckely arriued in our company, the better to burie those former follies in oblivion, least our sharpe quips should conuert Melancholy into Choler, let me heare your cunning on the Lute, and taking him by the hand, requested him to sit downe, then taking the Instrument from her Damosell, gaue it to Dorosa. Hee that from his youth had much delighted in that kinde of Musicke, with a pleasant touch and rare voyce sung and played this Dittie:

FLy franticke thoughts which so torment
The Louers heart, whose eyes besprent
And cheekes bedewde with brinish teares:
For little hope, great heapes of feares,
In Loue remaine a world of cares,

My Fancies like doth looke so high,
That in despaire my minde doth dye.
Thoughts, sighes, and teares, and endlesse griefe
On Loue attend, as hand-maides chiefe,
At beauties barre pleading reliefe.

Cupid triumpheth at my harmes,
Venus hath wrapt me in her charmes:
The Destinies assigne my woe,
Fortune presents ger cloudy browe,
And all conspire my ouerthrow.

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Then farewell life, adiew my ioy,
And welcome Death to end annoy :
No life but loue, no loue, no life :
Come Attapos, with farall knife,
For loue or death must end this strife.

This Sonnet being ended (quoth Albina) if you floate
so farre in the Sea of Loue, beware least you bring your
Boat to the gulfes of Dispaire, for dispaire in loue is worse
then death, but since it should seeme that loue hath made
you passionate, and that you are saue into the Labyrinth
of affection, let me but heare how cunningly you can de-
scribe your Mistresses excellencie? Dorosa being loath
to offend; and further, willing his Lady should see the
sharpnesse of his wit, drawing forth a pocket Inkhorne,
he wrote these words following:

Her eyes, faire eyes, like Phoebus rayes doe shine,
Reflecting on a rock of Christall cleare :
Her haire more faire then fairest golden twine,
Surpassing farre Dianacs sacred wire,
Faire hairens, more faire then fairest golden spangle,
Faire Sunne-bright eyes which freest hearts entangle.

A snowie face gract with Auroraes Die,
Like Lillies pure in middes bemixt with Roses,
Her pearly teeth like burnisht Iuorie,
Two rubie lips these rowes of pearle encloses :
Faise Lilly cheekes with Roses all bedied :
Faire rowes of pearle, in rubie red contriued.

Her breasts two orbes Swan-like, encreasing pleasure,
Pure, cleare, cleane, soft, round, smooth, faire, marble,
Wellim'd, smal bodied, strait, an earthly treasure, (white
By Natures Art, and all the Graces dight,

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Faire face and breasts where loue can neuer die,
Surpassing Art and natures Deitie.

A perfect pattenne of perfections rare:
A Peerelesse Nimph, a Virgin of great price:
A Paragon beyond all earths compare:
A day bright starre vnto my mortall eyes:
Venus her selfe to her might subiect be,
And Pallas eke for wit and modestie,

The Princeesse hauing perused these lines, inwardly smiling at his conceited amours, yet fearefull leaſt hee had planted his loue in another soile; laying her milke-whits hand vpon his arme, pronounced in these termes. Surely Dorota, if the Saint you thus zealously serue be of such rare conditions, as you describe (as such a one may well be looked for) but neuer ſene the disposition of her minde, being as you affirme equall to the composition of her body, there cannot be but pittie to redresse your passions, otherwiſe in ſtead of a Saint I muſt name her a Serpent, comparing her becautious face to the Panther, and her ſalawigenij to the alluring Sirenes: But were I acquainted with your Diſtreſſe, I would peraduenture procure releaſe of your martirdome, and wiſh her to ex-ſertaine you, not for her ſervant, but for her Lord and husband. And pleaſe it you (quoth ſhe) to maniſeſt your minde, I will further your ſute ſo farre as either entreatie can preuaile or authoritie command, which I hope will be ſufficient, if ſhe be within any of the dominions of the King my Father. Theſe words were ſpoken of Albina with ſo many changes of colour, firſt blaſhing, leaſt her loue ſhould be perceined of her Damoſels, then waxing pale, fearing leaſt he ſhould preuaile that to another, where in depended the hope of her owne health, changing white into red, ſo often, as Dorota well perceined that loue had giuen them an equall touch: with this riſing forth from their ſeat, and walking in the Alley, Dorota thinking to
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Strike while the iron was hote, replied in this manner : then *Spadame*, the Lady being in your Fathers Court, if I challenge your promise, you will not be slack in performance. *Albina* perceiuing how he went about the busi-
ness, fearing least she should seeme too forward, interrupting his talke, said, one onely excepted : nay (quoth *Dorosa*) it is ouer-late to talke of exceptions when the covenants are already sealed, and with that, taking her by the hand, perforce kissed the same. *Albina* counterfetting a frown, was ready to haue made further answer, but prevented, as you shall heare. *Mordeno* hauing these iealous imaginations in his mind, kept wholly at the Court, watching more warily then euer did *Argos* ouer the daughter of *Inachus*, and perceiuing the *Princesse* to be walked into the garden, presently repaired thither, pretending of opportunity lent him a fauourable aspect, to lay a new siege to her fortress, or at the least, to make his sies the scout, least any other should sound the alarum contrary to his liking. And coming into the garden, & finding there the most mistrusted, as a iealous brain is euer ready to iudge corruptible, presently concluded that *Dorosa* had entred a point in those *Tables* wherein he wisht to make his chiefest sport, & so had played false play with the Kings daughter: with this punitish conceit, he was so nipt on the head, that for a good space he stood as if with *Lots* wife he had bin turned into a pillar of salt: which *Albina* noting, & being very merily disposed, began to iest with him in this maner. How now my Lord, what are you in a browne study? or in a dreame? are you studying who shall be your second wife, or who the father to your first child, or what attire you shall put on to win your Ladies love? a penny for your thought my Lord, quoth she.

Mordeno construing euery thing from good to bad, and from euill to worse, tooke small delight to heare her thus pleasant, and lesse to see *Dorosa* in her company, thinking them to haue clapt hands, before there was any word spoken of a bargain. Thus dreaming *Dorosa* to be the man

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as our English Proverbe is, that swept away all the fat from his beard, holding himselfe to be as welcome into their company as water into a new Ship (as whether he was or no it is doubtfull.) In this melancholy dumpe, as if the wormes had eaten his Varnish, or the Frost killed all his Grapes, in the bud, with a face full of discontent, without making any answer, hee turned his backe and departed. This move them all into such an admiration, as they knew not what to thinke: but at the last Albina, calling to minde his former sute, quickly found where his thos wasing him, supposing that it was some disparizing thought, or rather some iealous supposition which he conceived by her talking with Dorosa. But whatsoener it was, it after ward had a hard sequell, as you shall heare. The Evening being come vpon them, with some short speeches past concerning his discourteous behauiour, euery one iudging him to haue euill and malicious imaginations in his minde, and all of them condemning his ill demeanour to that honourable company, and none of them regarding his frownes in that all of them knew they were on cleare ground. Thus hauing spent their iudgements, and it growing late, Dorosa taking his leaue of Albina and her Ladies, they all departed into their severall and private chambers, where we will leaue them slumbring safely in content, untill crosse Fortune present them with a new and mournesfull tragedie, for they shall both be lodged in stronger chambers very shortly.

Mordeno departing silently as you heard, entred into his chamber, where broyling in the heate of his iealous furie, cast himselfe vpon his bed: and although iealousie proceeds of leue, yet it produceth wicked and hatefull effects: for Mordeno being now past all hope of obtaining her leue, determined since he could not haue the fruition of her loue, to worke the end offaire Albina and worthe Dorosa by his hatred. Thus mustring a whole legion of diuellish and mischieuous conceits, pleading them in his troubled

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troubled braine, allotting Zealouffe both for Iudge and Furie, he set downe this for a peremptory sentence, to accuse and charge Dorosa and Albina that they had committed uncleannesse together, and that they had defiled the Kings court by their fornication. This deuile pleased him well, and so fitted his humour that the next morning early he calling for one of his attendants, one that he well knew was apt to execute any villanous treacherie that he plotted: to this lewd companion he vnburthened all his conceived venom, promising him many rewards, if he would take his oath with him that they two had seen Dorosa and Albina euery in the act of fornication. This hellish & damnable Atheist was soon brought to his lure, vowing such secrecie in effecting this their wicked action, as he could either wish or desire. Having thus laid his plot, he waited diligently for the coming downe of the King, which was not long after. Mordeno ebbing the King, came presently before him, hauing a mapp of discontent figured in his forehead, and doing reverence according to his vsuall manner, immediately vpon his knee began his accusation after this manner.

Dread Soueraigne, such inward grieve galleth my heart, in that abuse hath bene profered in your Court, by them that are fostered in the same, yea, and by him whose abilitie consisteth onely in your royall fauour, which to reueale causeth the brinish teares to fall from mine eyes, and to conceale foreteth the bloud to fall from my grieved hart. But so high is the cause concerning the renoune of your worthinesse, and so odious is the fault in the eyes of all good men, and none hauing power to reuenge but your selfe, and none being able to reuerse the abuses but your gractous person, who by cutting off the abuser, shall also cut off the fault with the tree, and burie the ignominy of your house in forgetfulness, and reape to your selfe endless fame, for so due administration of Justice and Equitie. The King hearing this long preamble, being driuen into

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a maze with the strangenesse of his speeches commanded him to reveale the matter.

Then Mordeno proceeded in this maner, worthy and renowned King, I am not ignorant, neither is it unknowne to any of your Court or country, with what gracious benenolence you haue alwaies requited, yea, and bote beyond all common manner you haue preferred that unknowne Dorosa, from a poore servant to one of your subjects, to be a knight able to keepe many servants better then himselfe, and of a peasant by birth, to make him fellow to Princes in dignity: this I say my Lord, in that he forgetting these princely fauours, and neglecting the dutie of a subject, by his pride hath attempted the brightnesse of your familie, yea not onely attempted, but hath brought a blot of infamie vpon the bloud Royall and whole Court of Hungaria, such hath bene the force of his lasciuiousnes loyned with his ouer bolones and impudency, that he hath dishonoured and defiled your house with most shamefull fornication, yea, and that with her which to remember is more bitter vnto my soule then bitterness it self, I meane most worthy King, with your daughter Albina: this hath not onely bene suspected by the Nobles of your Court, but also diuers haue sought to put the same into my head, which by reason of their many vertues I wou'd not be induced to beloue, vntill mine eyes, the most faithfull witnessses of credulitie, made manifest the same by apparant view, not onely vnto mee, which could rather haue bene content to haue raked vp their misdeemeanour, then by discovering the same to bring a reproach to your renowned house, but sundry of my seruants haue seene, and with me did see the wanton dalliance betwixen them, so that it is so far scattered abroad, as it is talke in the mouth of euery inferior person: and this my servant, quoth he, as well as I did see the same not yet full two daies since. Now I hauing declared the matter, according vnto my dutifull allegiance, I commit the cause to your worthy consideration,

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to afflict them with such punishment as the law hath provided for such malefactors.

The King having attended this discourse, was with griefe and anger so vexed at the heart that hee stood for a long time with a pale countenance, not able to utter one word, at length coming to his senses, & allowing every word which Mordeno had spoken for a sentence, & every sentence for truth, being carried away with rage, vowed that both *Dorosa* and *Albina* should suffer death ere ten dayes past, as a iust guerdon for their offence, and such as the law had provided for such offenders: with this he called for his Guard, to whom he commanded to take *Dorosa* & *Albina*, and to imprison him in a most darke and searefull Dungeon, and her in the most strong tower of all the Castle. These having their charge went straight vnto the Chamber of *Dorosa*, whom they found not yet risen, him they laid hands on in his bed, and forced him to rise, certifying him that it was the Kings pleasure which hee had giuen them in most straight charge, that they should immediately conuay him to the dungeon. If *Dorosa* were abashed at these sodaine tidings, let them iudge who liuing in delight, haue with a sodaine crowne of inconstant fortune, their boat, the onely hope of their safety, dyuen into such a gulfe of distresse: But they must needs goe when the Diuel diues, there is no chysse where constraint doth binde, they were all in armes, he naked, ne *Hercules* quidem contra duos, it boots not the Dore to strue after he is taken in the talents of the faulcon. *Dorosa* hoping the best, fearing nothing, in that he knew himselfe guiltlesse in euery thing, was content to indure imprisonment. Thus hauing done their charge, they fastened the doores with great bolts of iron, and left this famous *Argonian* to run ouer his former fortunes, and to make the flinty stones recorders of his complaint, and returned to the *Princesse Albina*, to execute their mandatum in like sort.

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Do^{ty} being come to her chamber, they found her newly vp-risen, accompanied with certaine of her Damosels, they forth with declared vnto her the effect of their coming, with the strait charge that the King had given. Albina was diuⁿ into such a sudden alteration with this vnerpected euent, as she seemed rather to dye, then to continue in that close custodie. But howsoeuer the world went, to prison she must: thus did they carie that most excellent Lady to the place appointed, excluding her from all company, sauing one of her Damosels to attend vpon her person: shee seeing her selfe fast locked within four walls, settled her selfe downe, and in stead of plaints, poured forth aboundance of teares, and with sighes exchoed her grieffe vnto the skies. In this sort sate Albina a long time, not vttering any word: in this most sorrowfull dumpe we will leaue her a while, and with this make a conclusion to this first part of our Historie,

which ere long shall be seconded with a full conclusion, and end of storie in a second part, which with patience I intreat you to expect. Farewell.



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